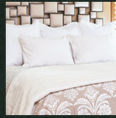




LYNX TO
WNBA FINALS



8 WAYS TO
GLAM YOUR HOME



THE BIG
GAY RACE

LAVENDER[®]

Since 1995



Internationally
Acclaimed Interior
Designer

ALESSANDRO
MUNGE:

Taking the Hotel
Inspiration Home

SNAP THE
FOC MAP™



Digital Edition @ LavenderMagazine.com
Volume 17, Issue 427
Display Minnesota's GLBT Magazine
From October 6 Until October 19, 2011

Available on the
App Store





presents



WHEN:
Thursday, November 3

TIME:
5:30 - 8:00 PM

COST:
FREE

WHERE:



FEATURING
Drink Specials
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
Prize Drawings

HOST ORGANIZATIONS:

HRC Twin Cities
Project 515
OutFront Minnesota
North Country Bears
All God's Children MCC



*The yellow brick road
was just the beginning...*

OPENS SATURDAY!

Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall

By William Randall Beard
Music arranged by David Lohman

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Judy Garland's legendary comeback concert!

The incomparable Jody Briskey and the remarkable Norah Long embody the one and only Judy Garland; one actress leads audiences through a lifetime of memories underscored by some of the greatest songs of the 20th century; the other relives those memories starting with Garland's childhood days in Minnesota, on to the studios at MGM, through marriages and divorces, and finally to Carnegie Hall. It's a life packed with love, passion, courage, and resilience, featuring 24 of Garland's greatest hits including "Get Happy," "That's Entertainment," "The Trolley Song," and of course, "Over the Rainbow."

October 8–November 6

MAKE A NIGHT OF IT: Visit www.HistoryTheatre.com for information about special events and fun add-ons before select performances such as **Pizza and a Play** (10/20 and 11/4), **Sip 'n' Sample** (10/28), and **Karaoke** (10/29)!

Single Tickets as low as \$28!

Season Passes starting at just \$120 Details at www.HistoryTheatre.com

LAVENDER NIGHT AT THE THEATER Thursday, October 13

\$10 off per ticket and a drink discount

7 p.m. light hors d'oeuvres / 8 p.m. curtain

Online promotion code: **LAVBTR** or call 651.292.4323

(Not valid with previous purchases or with other discounts.)

history theatre

651.292.4323 • 30 East 10th Street • St. Paul

Balcony
Massive Pool
Stainless Kitchen
Uptown
Outdoor Grill
Underground Parking
Lawn Bowling
Hot Neighbors
Nightlife
Greenway Access
Shopping
Art Fair

Off-leash Dog Park
Concierge
Fitness Center
Billiards
Public Transportation
Cool Apartments
Massage Cabana
Internet Café
Private Laundry
Flux Bar
Penthouse
Community

It's like we built it just for you.
(Oh, yeah. We did.)



How Luxurious is It?

It's **FLUX**

2838 Fremont Ave. S. • Minneapolis • (800) 787-4806 • LiveInFlux.com

OUR LAVENDER

- 8 From the Editor
- 10 A Word in Edgewise
- 70 Lens: HRC Gala
- 71 Lens: Mankato Pride & Trans Health Fair
- 73 Lens: Project 515 Fundraiser

OUR SCENE

- 12 Locally Sourced: Pizza Farm
- 16 Restaurant: Masu Sushi & Robata
- 21 Bar: Bartender, Gay 90s
- 22 Bar: Showcase, Brass Rail
- 24 Sugar & Spice
- 26 Theater: *La Cage Aux Folles*
- 28 Arts: Spotlight
- 32 Sports: Lynx to WNBA Playoffs
- 36 Calendar

OUR AFFAIRS

- 38 Books
- 40 Interview: Fran Lebowitz
- 42 Big Gay News
- 44 Glimpses
- 46 Causes: Big Gay Race
- 48 Causes: Quatrefoil Library

OUR HOMES

- 50 Interview: Alessandro Munge
- 56 Lavender Glam Guide
- 61 Special: Get Your Own Glam
- 65 At Home: Pies
- 67 Business Profile
- 69 Gardening: Beyond the Mum

OUR RESOURCES

- 75 The Network
- 78 Community Connection
- 81 Classifieds

OUR VOICES

- 72 Ms. Behavior
- 72 Cartoon: Trolin
- 74 Wanda Wisdom
- 80 Skirting the Issues
- 82 Through These Eyes

CORRECTION

The photos in Issue 426's sports story "Historic Regular Season for Minnesota Lynx" should have been attributed to Sophia Hantzes.

ON THE COVER

Alessandro Munge, Interior Designer of the W Minneapolis - The Foshay.
Photo by Sophia Hantzes



Photo by Sophia Hantzes

32



Photo by Sophia Hantzes

46



Photo by Sophia Hantzes

50



Photo Courtesy of Roth Distributing from Sub-Zero Wolf Media Collective

56

ONLINE



Online Magazine



Prizes



Pie Recipes

Check out Our Lavender Digital Edition at lavendermagazine.com - Win Prizes! in every issue! Go to www.lavendermagazine.com/category/contests-and-promotions - Recipes Go to www.lavendermagazine.com for John Michael Lerma's pie recipes.



WandaWisdom.com

THE ORIGINAL PODCASTING DRAG QUEEN

Wanna hear all the kooky music Wanda plays at the end of The Program? If you're on Spotify, now you can subscribe to Wanda's exclusive "As Heard on The Program" playlist! Just log into Spotify.com and type 'Program' in the search bar!



Photo by Mike Hnida



BigGayNews.com

YOUR DAILY PODCAST OF GLBT WORLD NEWS!

Top Headlines

- ✓ Post-DADT, Gay Navy Lt. Marries
- ✓ DADT Consigned to History
- ✓ UK Lib Dems Say Gay Blood Ban Change 'Not Enough'
- ✓ Play About Prop 8 Makes its Broadway Debut

Get Your News in 12 Languages!
Big Gay News now offers TWELVE foreign language newswires! You can get international GLBT news from hundreds of sources in twelve different languages. There is absolutely no other site offering this much relevant content. Visit <http://biggaynews.com> today!



Minnesota Premier Home Improvement Specialists

Additions • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Basement Finish
Windows / Doors • Decks / Porches • Roofing • Siding
Ice Dam Prevention & Removal





FREE ESTIMATES
Minneapolis: 763-412-4290 St. Paul: 651-294-3620
www.StioRoofing.com

License #20626947 • Bonded • Insured

Your Vision...



Our Expertise.



*Award-winning catering, event planning
and memorable spaces for every occasion!*

Nicollet Island Pavilion • Van Dusen Mansion & Events Center
Minneapolis Central Library • Château at Medicine Lake
Minnesota Boat Club • Saint Croix National Golf & Event Center
Apples Catering • Perfect Host Catering • Mintahoe Beverage Services
Picnics Plus! • Professional Foodservice • Twin City Casinos & Entertainment

www.mintahoe.com • 612.253.0255

2011 Winner, 'Best Catered Event'
International Special Events Society - MN Star Awards

ARRESTED?

call JEFF DEAN

Defense Attorney

(612) 305-4360 • www.jeffdeanlaw.com

- Has won numerous criminal sexual conduct cases
- Represented hundreds of people charged with DWI
- Other Wins: Assault/Domestic Assault, Indecent Exposure, Drug Charges, Theft Charges, Internet Solicitation, Pornography Charges
- Successful results in probation violation cases



**His winning record
has made
Jeff Dean a name
you can trust.**

If you need a Realtor call my twin brother Jon Dean: (612) 802-1053

You've been through an accident. We've been through



MAPLEWOOD 651-766-9770
EDEN PRAIRIE 952-941-5586
LAKEVILLE 952-985-5855
BURNSVILLE 952-898-1636
RICHFIELD 612-866-0016
BLOOMINGTON 952-767-3399

LaMettry'sTM
Premier Collision Shops

No time to stop for our free estimates? Go to www.lametttrys.com 24/7 to receive an estimate via email.

Who
will
choose
you?

Add to your pride!



animal humane society

Buffalo
Coon Rapids
Golden Valley
St. Paul
Woodbury

www.animalhumaneociety.org
(763) 522-4325



Before Laser 7 Weeks After Laser

Also Specializing in Medical Skincare

- Laser Skin Rejuvenation
- Botox
- Chemical Peels



Dr. Vicky Hagstrom

"My Patients' Smiles are my greatest reward"

COMPLETE HAIR RESTORATION

Non-Surgical & Neograft Procedures

- Customized Treatment Program
- Unique Hair Restoration Technique
- Your Own Real Hair



Before NeoGraft

After NeoGraft



ANew Aesthetic Medical Center

120 6th Street South #175
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
(612) 208-0741

www.anewmedicalcenter.com

DOWNTOWN LOCATION SKYWAY CONNECTED

LAVENDER[®]

Volume 17, Issue 427 • October 6-19, 2011

Editorial

Managing Editor Andy Lien 612-436-4671

Editor Emeritus Ethan Boatner 612-436-4670

Editorial Associate George Holdgrafer 612-436-4672

Editorial Associate Sede Vacante 612-436-4671

Copy Editor Bridget Rocheford-Kearney

Volunteer Kaitlyn E. Walsh

Podmaster Bradley Traynor 612-436-4669

Contributors Brian Cheese, Meryl Cohn, Scott Endres, Heidi Fellner, Chris Homan, Ed Huyck, Justin Jones, Steve Lenius, Ellen Krug, Jennifer Parello, Edward Piechowski & Sean Ryan, Abigail Stoddard, Joy Summers, John Townsend, Carla Waldemar

Advertising

Sales & Advertising Director Barry Leavitt 612-436-4690

Senior Account Executive Suzanne Farrell 612-436-4699

Account Executives Scott Belcher 612-436-4675, Adam Houghtaling 612-436-4697

Advertising Associate George Holdgrafer 612-436-4672

Sales & Advertising Traffic Coordinator

Linda Raines 612-436-4694

Classifieds Suzanne Farrell 612-436-4699

National Sales Representative Rivendell Media
212-242-6863

Creative

Creative Director Hubert Bonnet 612-436-4678

Creative Assistant Mike Hnida 612-436-4679

Photographer Sophia Hantzes

Cartoonist Rodro

Lavender Studios Hubert Bonnet, Mike Hnida

Administration

Publisher Lavender Media, Inc.

President & CEO Stephen Rocheford 612-436-4665

Vice President & CC Pierre Tardif 612-436-4666

Chief Financial Officer Carolyn Lima 612-436-4664

Administrative Assistant Austin Lindstrom 612-436-4661

Founders George Holdgrafer, Stephen Rocheford

Inspiration Steven W. Anderson (1954-1994), Timothy J. Lee (1968-2002), Russell Berg (1957-2005), Kathryn Rocheford (1914-2006), Jonathan Halverson (1974-2010)

Send all your calendar events to Linda@lavendermagazine.com

Letters are subject to editing for grammar, punctuation, space, and libel. They should be no more than 300 words. Letters must include name, address, and phone number. Unsigned letters will not be published. Priority will be given to letters that refer to material previously published in Lavender Magazine. Submit letters to Lavender Magazine, Letters to the Editor, 3715 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407; or e-mail <editor@lavendermagazine.com>.

Lavender Media Inc.

3715 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407

LavenderYellowPages.com

612-436-4660 **office**

877-515-9969 **toll free**

612-436-4685 **fax**

612-436-4664 **subscriptions**

612-436-4660 **distribution**

612-436-4698 **advertising**

LAVENDER
MAGAZINE.COM

LavenderMagazine.com

BIG GAY NEWS
COM
OUR GAYEST PAGES

BigGayNews.com

WandaWisdom
COM
OUR WISDOM PAGES

WandaWisdom.com

Audit Bureau of Circulations
Member

MMPA

GANNETT
OFFSET

Printer of Lavender and USA Today
(763) 315-7725

Entire contents copyright 2011. All rights reserved. Publication of the name or photograph of any person, organization, or business in this magazine does not reflect upon one's sexual orientation whatsoever. Lavender Magazine reserves the right to refuse any advertising. This issue of Lavender Magazine is available free of charge during the time period published on the cover. Pickup at one of our distribution sites is limited to one copy per person.



www.e42salon.com

east 42nd street salon
612 729 4415
4805 Nicollet Ave S MINNEAPOLIS MN 55419

get your style fix.

facials back facials massage haircuts
color makeup manicure pedicure waxing

MEN'S DAY IS EVERY WEDNESDAY.

SPA PACKAGES & GROUP
SPECIALS AVAILABLE

CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY SPECIALS
@FACEBOOK.COM/E42SALON

BANKRUPTCY

"Personal Attention – Professional Results"
Free Consultation • Affordable Fees

BECKY A. MOSHIER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

651.645.1211

2233 University Ave. W. Ste. 420 • St. Paul
10 minutes to Downtown Minneapolis or St. Paul


In my 21st year of service to our community.
We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

www.beckymoshier.com

Every decision we make has financial ramifications.

When you need professional help, we understand. We talk with the IRS so you don't have to. We have been preparing all types of taxes current and back taxes for over 20 years. We also provide Business Consulting and Certified Financial Planning with NO Product sales.

KAREN R. PALM CPA
612-379-1393
www.palmkcpa.com



PLANS THAT FIT YOUR LIFE.

Wherever you are in life, we have a health plan that fits your needs and your budget.

Scan the code with your smartphone's QR code reader* to be connected instantly with a plan that works best for you. Call your Medica agent or 1-888-313-2951. Or visit us at medica.com/plansthatfit.

MEDICA®
Personalize. Empower. Improve.

*Need the QR reader app? Go to get.neoreader.com from your mobile phone to download a free app, then scan the code and get a quote.





AS OF press time, I've been the Managing Editor of *Lavender* for just over three months. Three months is enough time to get a grip on the operations, the content, the community, and the history. Wait, no. That's not true. I may never really get a grip on it, but I've tightened it up enough to start making some changes for the better. One of the first things that crossed my desk was a survey that *Lavender* readers had taken this past year. Great, good feedback. The feedback, itself, provided clear direction. Then, making my way to multiple events and dinners and fundraisers, I've gotten to meet people who've been able to provide constructive criticism. Whether from the last month or the past years, opinions, comments, requests, and a drastically changing society give quite a clear sense of where this publication needs to go. Our staff has worked through many sessions in which they brainstormed what to do with our publication and how to make it better for the community. And so, we are.

The community wants to see itself—in pictures, in content, in events. More editorial, less of a shopper-like feel. Greater breadth and depth, more representation. Diversity in the diversity. Pertinent, relevant articles. Pictures, pictures, pictures. The community wants more attention.

We're ready to give the community more attention. It deserves it.

Lavender is more than a publication. It's the lasting media presence for the people and groups that fall under the community umbrella of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, allies, and queer. There are bears, there are dykes, there are bois, there are twinks, there are leather lovers, there are your neighbors, there are your kids—there is so much to be covered. Nobody's hiding. Churches are welcoming. Being out is so much more than it's ever been because out is where we are. Everywhere. People have changing lives, more open and encompassing than ever before—people are parents, people have aging parents, people are aging parents—gay, straight, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer. And everything in-between as well as in the periphery. What do we do for the community? This community?

We have made it ours. We are claiming it.

In a time of political turmoil and a continued civil rights movement, *Lavender* is part of the same community it represents. Our scene. Our affairs. Our lives. Our homes. Our resources. Our voices.

We are reorganizing our articles and responding to your requests for more variety. We have redeveloped the website. It's in the throes of its roll-out. We are adding to our pool of contributors and the talent is growing. Now, we give you a restructured *Lavender*, one in which we present the content to you in terms of how it might interest you:

Our Scene: Food & Dining, Bars & Clubs, Style, Sports, Travel, Arts & Culture

Our Lives: Health, Family, Pets, Faith, Business, Romance

LAVENDER

OCTOBER 6-19, 2011 | ISSUE 427 | GLAM HOMES, FRAN LEBOWITZ, LYNX PLAYOFFS

CONTENTS

OUR LAVENDER

- 8 From the Editor
- 10 A Word in Edgewise
- 70 Lens: HRC Gala
- 71 Lens: Mankato Pride & Trans Health Fair
- 73 Lens: Project 515 Fundraiser

OUR SCENE

- 12 Locally Sourced: Pizza Farm
- 16 Restaurant: Masu Sushi & Robata
- 21 Bar: Bartenders: Gay 90s
- 22 Bar: Showcase, Brass Rail
- 24 Sugar & Spice
- 26 Theater: La Cage Aux Folles
- 28 Arts: Spotlight
- 32 Sports: Lynx to WNBA Playoffs
- 36 Calendar

OUR AFFAIRS

- 38 Books
- 40 Interview: Fran Lebowitz
- 42 Big Gay News
- 44 Glimpses
- 46 Causes: Big Gay Race
- 48 Causes: Quatrefoil Library

OUR HOMES

- 50 Interview: Alessandro Munge
- 56 Lavender Glam Guide
- 61 Special: Get Your Own Glam
- 65 At Home: Pies
- 67 Business Profile
- 69 Gardening: Beyond the Mum

OUR RESOURCES

- 75 The Network
- 78 Community Connection
- 81 Classifieds

OUR VOICES

- 72 Ms. Behavior
- 72 Cartoon: Trulin
- 74 Wanda Wisdom
- 80 Skirting the Issues
- 82 Through These Eyes

CORRECTION

The photos in Issue 426's sports story "Historic Regular Season for Minnesota Lynx" should have been attributed to Sophia Hantzas.

ON THE COVER

Alessandro Munge, Interior Designer of the W Minneapolis—The Fishier.
Photo by Sophia Hantzas



ONLINE



Online Magazine

Pies

Pie Recipes

Big Gay News

Big Gay News

Check out our Lavender Digital Edition at lavendermagazine.com. New Photos in every issue! Go to www.lavendermagazine.com/category/online and download. Register Go to www.lavendermagazine.com for John Michael Lemma's pie recipes.

WandaWisdom.com

THE ORIGINAL PODCASTING DRAG QUEEN

Wanna hear all the kooky music Wanda plays at the end of The Program? If you're on Spotify, now you can subscribe to Wanda's exclusive "As Heard on The Program" playlist! Just log into Spotify.com and type "Program" in the search bar!

Photo by Mike Houta

Get Your News in 12 Languages! Big Gay News now offers TWELVE foreign language newsletters! You can get international GLEET news from hundreds of sources in twelve different languages. There is absolutely no other site offering this much relevant content. Visit <http://biggaynews.com> today!

Our Affairs: Politics, Causes, Workplace, Education, Leaders
Our Homes: Décor, Building, Landscaping, Gadgets, Vehicles, Technology

Our Resources: The Network, Community Connection, and Classifieds

Our Voices: Columnists, Letters, Commentary, Advice, Humor

The activities you attend lead the publication—the voices you hear have the last word. In the pages between, you'll find more of what interests you. These are exciting times for our community. We're planning to cover them and present them for you multiple ways as we grow with the community.

Thank you for your attention and please continue to give feedback.

We're listening.

Many thanks,

Andy □

COME SEE US FOR *Decorating Ideas*



- Unique Gifts & Free Gift Wrapping
- Extraordinary Container Gardens
- Exceptional quality and variety of plants
- Distinctive pots and containers from around the world
- Gift Cards



Garden Center, Flower Marts & Landscaping

270 West Larpenteur Avenue
St. Paul | 651.488.1927

Visit us at Linders.com for more information.

Aging isn't easy. Caregiving doesn't need to be hard.

If a loved one is getting older and needs care, Right at Home offers services for almost any situation. Our in-home care lets loved ones enjoy life in the comfort of a familiar environment. And it lets you concentrate on caring instead of caregiving. Give us a call and let us develop a Custom Care Plan for your loved one today.



952.854.6122
www.RAH-tc.net

Q
QUORUM
Board of Directors
2011 STAR TRIBUNE's Top 100
Workplaces in Minnesota
TRAINING TO SERVE
Board of Directors



Bob

Paul

Estate Planning | Medical Assistance | Probate | LGBT Family Law



OF COURSE YOU'LL NEVER GET OLD

(BUT WE'RE HERE JUST IN CASE
YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES).

BUCHHOLZ & BURKE, PLLC

John Buchholz & Allison Burke

www.gray-and-gay.com | 612-217-2137



THE JOFFE LASIK CHALLENGE

A BETTER EXPERIENCE. A BETTER PRICE. GUARANTEED.

If you find a better LASIK experience at a better price, take it! We'll even help pay!

CALL FOR YOUR FREE LASIK EYE EXAM AND FOR DETAILS TODAY!

SEE FOR YOURSELF WHY JOFFE IS THE SMART CHOICE FOR LASIK.



ACT BY NOV 30TH
866-685-6994

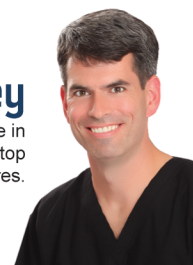
www.JOFFE.com

2311 Wayzata Boulevard South • Minneapolis, MN 55405



Dr. John Foley

Over 10 years experience in
providing thousands of top
quality LASIK procedures.



A simple 10 minute procedure

Imagine 20/20 vision
without glasses or contacts!
Crystal clear vision could be
yours in 10 minutes!

Outstanding LASIK family heritage

The Joffe family has decades
of LASIK industry experience
built on exceptional care at
a great value.

**\$495
LASIK**

Some restrictions apply.

Great financing options available

With our financing plans and
Best Price Guarantee, Joffe
makes having LASIK
affordable and easy!

Custom Wavefront LASIK technology treats:

Astigmatism
Nearsightedness
Farsightedness



Religions to the Left and Right Volley and Thunder

RELIGIONS TO the Left and Right Volley and Thunder

Someone remarked recently that it was OK for the left to bring religion, but not for the right. In my opinion, if that's a valid remark, one reason might be that the left leaves some room for interpretation, whereas the evangelical right does not—unless they're jiggering the Bible for their own agenda.

Take Michele Bachmann's wriggle on "submissive wives." Ephesians 5:22-24 states unambiguously (at least in the King James version), "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church."

When asked how a literal interpretation of "submit" would affect her role as potential leader of the country, Bachmann said "submissive" meant "mutual respect" between husband and wife. If you believe in the inerrancy—the absolute truth of every word—of the Bible, that's your right in our country, but you can't then finagle the scriptures.

Two books reviewed in "Books" (see p. 38) deal with this issue in different ways; I recommend them both. Jonathan Dudley's *Broken Words: The Abuse of Science and Faith in American Politics* argues

cogently against evangelical absolutism, while Rabbi Andrea Myers's *The Choosing* relates her coming out, conversion to Judaism, and becoming a rabbi.

Through history many clergy and scholars accepted diverse interpretations of scripture, notes Dudley, citing Augustine: "Whoever, therefore, thinks that he understands the divine Scriptures or any part of them so that it does not build on the double love of God and of our neighbor does not understand it at all...If scripture seems to advocate love, it is literal; if it seems to advocate malice, it is figurative."

Myers, in the sentiment of Cathy Ladman, offers this distillation: "Religion is guilt, with different holidays and different food. Everybody eats. And when they're not eating, they're still thinking about food."

I urge Bachmann and others of the religious right—and left and all stripes—to do more reinterpretation of rigid, absolutist thinking into more welcoming and embracing modes.

Consider Dr. Martin Luther King's (considered a leftie in some circles) words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." ▢

GET YOUR DRAGON

Products:
Kryolan TV Paint Stick
Ben Nyo Luxury Powder
and more!

Norcosteo - Northwestern Costume
Pro Makeup Supply • Costume Shop
825 Rhode Island Ave South
Golden Valley, MN 55426
(763) 544-0601 www.norcosteo.com

Model David Pippo

Melissa Houghtaling

Rebecca Heltzer

HELTZER & HOUGHTALING, P.A.

Practicing in the areas of Family Law, Probate, Business, Civil Litigation, Domestic Partnerships, Wills and Trusts, Administrative Law, Real Estate, and Mediation.

413 Wacouta St., Suite 430, St. Paul • (651) 330-8508
WWW.HELTZERHOUGHTALING.COM



The perfect mortgage from **us** will make you feel right at home.

U.S. Bank Home Mortgage is committed to providing you with a mortgage loan that is right for you. We take the time and care to guide you through the mortgage process, so you can trust you're making the right move. Put the strength of one of America's leading home mortgage lenders to work for you. Because there's no place like U.S. Bank.

All of **us** serving you®



usbank.com | 888-831-7524



Mortgage loans subject to credit approval. Interest rates and program terms are subject to change without notice. Mortgage loans offered through U.S. Bank National Association. ©2011 U.S. Bancorp. All rights reserved. Member FDIC.

CLOUTIER & BRANDL P.A.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Over 40 Years Combined Legal Experience.

- Auto Accidents
- Family/Divorce/Custody
- Second Parent Adoptions
- Wills & Trusts
- Criminal Defense
- Domestic Partnerships
- Employment Discrimination
- Bankruptcy



Elizabeth Cloutier
PFLAG Member



Jean Brandl
Rainbow Families Member

612.332.5100

www.cb-lawyers.com

12 S. 6th St., Suite 225, Minneapolis, MN

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

FISH BITES

October 13, 2011
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota Zoo's
Discovery Bay

Join local celebrity chefs as they prepare delicious and sustainable gourmet ocean and freshwater dishes paired with a variety of new sustainable wines, courtesy of Lakeville Liquors.

TICKETS

\$50 in advance
\$55 at the door

Details and
reservations
at mnzoo.org



Participating Restaurants:

Fire Lake Grill House &
Cocktail Bar

Heidi's Minneapolis
Lancer Catering

Luci Ancora
Masu Sushi & Robata

Special Guest Host: Sue Zelickson

Meritage

Sea Change

Stella's Fish Café &
Prestige Oyster Bar

The Oceanaire Seafood Room



COME OUT AND PLAY, COME IN AND STAY.

Treat yourselves to a stylish getaway filled with great food, shopping, and the city's top attractions.

Then, when the day is over, retreat into the warm welcome that is, quite simply, the Marriott way.

For Reservations Call 1-800-MARRIOTT
or visit MinneapolisMarriott.com

MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

30 South 7th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota | 55402
612.349.4000 | MinneapolisMarriott.com



Vinaigrette

Oil and vinegar to tap, taste and treasure



5006 Xerxes Ave. S. Mpls
(612) 922-9192 We can ship your order!
info@vinaigrettemn.com
www.vinaigrettemn.com
Olive Oils Scents & Lotions by Olivella

you'll get whipped. and like it.



kitchen
in the market™

cooking classes | private events | retail
Midtown Global Market
kitcheninthemarket.com



Catch Golden Fig
founder Laurie on
Twin Cities Live

All local. All the time.

790 Grand Avenue • St. Paul, MN 55105
651.602.0144
www.goldenfig.com
facebook.com/goldenfigfinefoods



OPEN DAILY FROM 11 AM TO CLOSE
HAPPY HOUR 3 - 6:30 PM

"LOCAL BEER, SELECT WINE, AND GLOBAL CUISINE"

ThePublicHouseMpls.com
701 Washington Avenue North, Mpls, MN

FOOD & DINING



LOCALLY SOURCED | Joy Summers

PIZZA FARM



I'm chronically punctual. When invited to a party I'm at your door the *exact* moment your invitation promised the bash to begin. The exact moment when you're likely racing around trying to secure those final details before some over-eager dweeb darkens your doorway. I would be that dweeb

Therefore it should come as no surprise that on a recent Tuesday evening I was sitting out on the curb, hands folded tidily in my lap, ready to leave for Stockholm, Wisconsin's, A to Z Produce Farm "after

work” which, to me, meant 5:10 pm. Meanwhile, my friends, mostly classified as “normal” people, who were joining me, have day jobs, responsibilities, and an inability to hit the thrust capacitor and zoom over rush hour traffic, were not ready. I’m also friends with a few chronically tardy souls, one of whom was included in our little road trip crew. True to form, he was not early. We finally departed closer to six than five. For some reason, this annoyed me. In fact, between the jobs, traffic, and general weekday grind, we were all cranky. So, a car full of cranky pants headed off for a country harvest dinner.

I have a feeling—given the circumstances of racing to a neighboring state for supper on a Tuesday night—you might be able to relate.

Despite my attempt at levity, playing “No Sleep ‘Til Brooklyn” from my MP3 player (tinny, tiny noise that no one recognized as music), the mood took a while to dissipate. Winding down roads framed by twisted oak trees and goldenrod, warm, waning sunlight caressed our cheeks and eventually we remembered we were friends in search of food, not the condemned sent in search of a strong switch.

The sun was setting an hour and a half later when we finally pulled down the long, dirt road that would lead us to the farm. The scene was breathtaking. Families were spread out, following small children toddling around the area releasing peals



TUM RUP THAI

Early and Late Night Happy Hour Takeout Available Gift Certificates Available
1221 W. Lake Street 612-824-1378 www.tumrupthai.com

Rake it in, baby!



Fall Wine Sale

Piles of savings for a limited time!

September 28 - October 15

SURDYK'S
LIQUOR & CHEESE SHOP

East Hennepin at University NE Minneapolis www.surdyks.com



**New American & Latin Fusion
Concept Café**

Daily & Sunday Specials

3301 Central Ave. NE
Minneapolis
612-781-3526

f t yelp



**Meet the Ghost and
the Jerk at Marla's**

Marla's Famous Jerk Chicken Marla's Famous Doubles

Marla's Caribbean Cuisine officially invites the GLBT
community of the Twin Cities to experience one of a kind
Caribbean / Indian / Chinese fusion home cooking.

**3761 Bloomington Ave. S. Minneapolis
612.724.3088 • www.marlascuisine.com**

**Minnesota's New
Wine Destination**



Sign up for the hottest wine
e-newsletter in town:

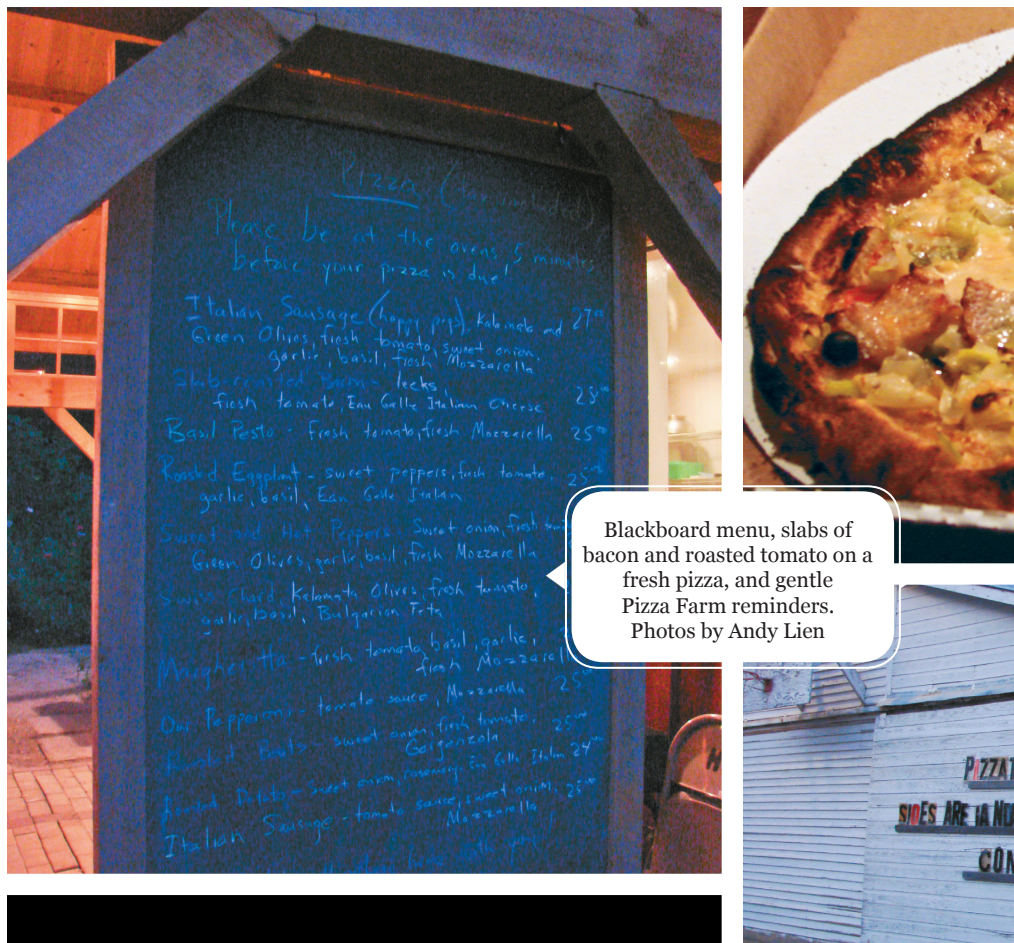
Free Tastings & Seminars
Exclusive Deals For Subscribers
Limited Releases & Rare Wines
sign up at:

www.sorellawines.com

612-339-4040

1010 Washington Avenue South
Ground Level of The Bridgewater Lofts
Free Garage Parking! 10-9 M-Th, 10-10 F-Sat

LOCALLY SOURCED



Blackboard menu, slabs of
bacon and roasted tomato on a
fresh pizza, and gentle
Pizza Farm reminders.
Photos by Andy Lien

of laughter. Young couples reclined on soft blankets, snuggling, smooching. The crowd is diverse—we may have brought the gay that evening, but it's an eclectic bunch, always. Twinkle lights adorned the grand chicken coop, which holds more seating for inclement weather. On the far side, happy people were exiting an open-air building cradling giant, white pizza boxes.

A to Z Produce is a full, functioning farm, highly committed to their land, animals, and the ancient art of making bread. They even make their own flour. The flour is used to make the dough and pizzas are topped with produce picked at the height of the season. They're open every Tuesday night from 4:30 – 8 p.m. from March through November for pizza. (To be clear, they are open *only* Tuesday nights, hence the post-work cranky pants roadtrip.) The peak season for visiting the farm is when the heat hangs heavy in the air and lines stretch out across the farm. I would argue that now is the better time for a visit. The

wait for a pizza is shorter, the produce that has stayed in the ground through a frost is sweeter, and the bugs have been chilled into submission.

We gathered before the chalkboard menu, placed our order and paid in cash—the only payment accepted. The cost is around \$24-30 for a pie. I eyed a nearby shelf that advertised bread and egg prices. Perhaps the shelf would have been full, had we only gotten there earlier? Ahem.

While our order was made and fired in the brick oven we unpacked our bring-your-own everything bag: we spread out a blanket, lit a candelabra, doled out napkins and the peanut butter M&Ms that we brought as appetizer and dessert. A to Z asks that visitors provide all they require for pizza enjoyment and that they take all garbage—including the boxes—with them when they leave.

Minutes later, our food was ready. A faint steam snaked its way to our hungry open mouths; molten cheese, tart toma-



toes, and salty pork. On one, we had an abundance of leeks, slab bacon, sliced tomato, and shredded mozzarella. On the other, we had a porky sausage, onions, tomatoes, and dollops of fresh mozzarella. The sausage was lightly seasoned- it was a mildly flavored pizza in general- topping the yeasty, chewy crust. With the other one, each bite was a sweet, savory, fatty, crispy delight. Any trace of annoyance was buoyed by sweet, happy, flavor-appreciative groans, directed skyward at the full, harvest moon. The skinny slices would occasionally slip out of their toppings and our greasy fingertips would dart into the box seeking out every last bit, but still we found it wasn't enough. We carried one box back and, although they were closing, were able to beg just one more bacon pizza and spend just one more perfect, late night in the company of great friends in the countryside of Wisconsin. □

What's Your Plan?



Roya Moltaji, CFP®, ChFC®, CASL™

Special Needs Financial Planner
Financial Services Representative
7900 International Drive, Suite 700
Bloomington, MN 55425
rmoltaji@metlife.com

www.FinancialStrategies.Metlife.com

Roya holds the Accredited Domestic Partnership Advisor™ designation

Call Roya today at 952-769-2126

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MLIC), New York, NY 10036. Securities products and investment advisory services offered by MetLife Securities, Inc. (MSI) (member FINRA/SIPC) a registered investment advisor. MLIC and MSI are MetLife companies. Special needs financial planning offered through MetLife's Center for Special Needs Planning. L0811204775[exp1213][MN]



For the if in life.®

MetLife

Jakeero's
Pizza & Pasta
*** SINCE 1975 ***

TWO HAPPY HOURS
4-6 pm & 8-10 pm Daily
2 for 1 Beers, 1/2 off Wine
Appetizer Specials

612.825.6827
3555 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis

GOURMET

Oil & Vinegar

Excelsior & Grand
3840 Grand Way
Saint Louis Park
Minnesota 55416
952.303.4220
www.GourmetOilandVinegar.com

DATE NIGHT
Mon-Thur 6:30 - close, \$28 gets you 1 bottle of our house red or white wine, then choose 2 entrees from our Salad or Pizza menu (Steak & Crab salads excluded)

WILDE ROAST CAFE
65 Main St SE, Minneapolis - 612.331.4544
wilderocastcafe.com
Follow us on Facebook! [facebook.com/wilderocastcafe](https://www.facebook.com/wilderocastcafe)

Food Co-ops:

The people who always thought real food was a good idea.

Still listening. Still serving. Still pioneering.



Not a member? Not a problem! Everyone Welcome, Every Day.

2105 Lyndale Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405
(612) 871-3993

THE WEDGE

Mon-Fri 9-10 | Sat & Sun 9-9 | www.wedge.coop



noodles & bar
1300 LAGOON AVE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55408
(612) 367-4595



KINSEN IS PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE ONLY ASIAN RESTAURANTS IN THE TWIN CITIES TO FEATURE ALL-NATURAL MEATS SELECTED FROM REGIONAL FARMS
WWW.KINSENNOODLES.COM



Bar Area; pork belly ramen.
Photos by Mike Hnida



MASU SUSHI & ROBATA

The Lowry Serves Up Neighborhood Noshes for the Upper Crust Crowd.

If you're a first-timer, Masu Sushi & Robata can hit you like a ton of bricks. It's not some Midwestern family restaurant tarted up with lanterns, shoji screens, and an assortment of mournful-looking geisha dolls under dusty plastic cases. This Tim McKee brainchild is your gateway to modern, vibrant Japan, complete with Pachinko machines, cheeky "Lucky Cat" ceramics, and a hipster staff. The pace is Tokyo-fast here, but not frenzied.

I rarely write about service because I don't trust that I am given the same treatment as every other customer. But here, it is apparent servers, busy though they may be, take the time to really chat with their tables and ➔

©2011 R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.



TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR FLAVOR

Enjoy smoke-free, spit-free, drama-free tobacco that's packed in a pouch for great tasting, long-lasting anytime enjoyment.

Camel SNUS—the pleasure's all yours.

camelsnus.com*

*WEBSITE RESTRICTED TO AGE 21+ TOBACCO CONSUMERS.



WARNING: Smokeless tobacco is addictive.



SEDGWICK
HEATING + AC | COMFORT YOU CAN COUNT ON

FURNACE Tune Up Special
ONLY \$79!
(\$109 for a boiler)

SERVICE CALLS Starting at \$49!




SAVE \$500
or More on a New Boiler
Plus Rebates and Tax Credits.

SAVE \$1,000
or More on a Furnace and Air Conditioner,
Plus Rebates and Tax Credits.

www.SedgwickHeating.com
(612) 284-6271
Serving all of the Twin Cities.

Supportive Counseling.

Affirming Clinicians!

PRISM is an outpatient mental health clinic serving the GLBTQA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Ally) community.

Specialties: sexual compulsivity, body image issues, trauma, adolescent coming out, recovery issues, grief and loss, and more.

Psychiatry services now available!

Call: 952-353-5931 to set up an appointment.

Location: PRISM is located in the Uptown area of Minneapolis at 2110 Lyndale Avenue South.

Some insurance accepted. Call for details.

PRISM is an affiliate program of PRIDE Institute.



OFF THE EATEN PATH



(Clockwise from top left)
Robata menu assortment;
Japanese eggplant and a soft-
poached egg; sushi assortment.



make helpful menu suggestions before darting off to grab a sushi platter and a few more cocktails. What's more, Executive Chef Alex R. Chase never turns his back on his kitchen, and is constantly monitoring every plate that goes out. On a busy Friday night dinner rush, if a counter needs wiping, he's on that, too. In fact, he seems to be one of those rare culinary talents without the ego that usually comes with it. Perhaps the apparent lack of attitude is due to the fact that Masu is his first head chef opportunity, but I doubt it. Chase has an intense passion for Japanese food since spending time there as an exchange student, and a penchant for seafood after working on an Alaskan salmon boat. Perfectionism runs through the man's veins.

The talent behind the bar (Dan Spa, formerly of Solera) is similarly brilliant, toying with spiced honey and homemade syrups to produce gems like the darling lavender, jasmine, and elderflower-scented Double Precious (\$10), and the Godzillita! (\$9), a spicy, ginger-plum margarita that mimics the fearsome, green beastie in its potential for destructive behavior. The 8 oz. Gummi Shochu Sours (\$8/\$6 happy hour) are vodka sours inspired by the cheery gummi bears perched on the rims. We sampled the Happy Gummi, the Rainbow Gummi, and the Secret Gummi (the mysterious and experimental gummi cocktail of the day). Honestly, as juvenile as that list may sound, these little wonders are surprisingly complex, often revealing their subtle heat in a smooth, lingering finishes.

Indeed, it may be wise to plan your first trip to Masu during happy hour, which runs Monday through Friday from 3-6, late night happy hour Monday through Thursday from 10-12, and Sundays from 9-11. House sake, tap beer, and select wines are available for \$3, \$4, and \$5 a glass, respectively. Additionally, noodle bowls, steam buns, sushi, and grilled indulgences like bacon-wrapped quail eggs are available for a discounted rate. With a tall glass of Sapporo, we eagerly tucked in to the ultra-crispy Pork Kara Age (\$6.5/\$4.5) and the mild Sauteed Shishito Peppers (\$5/\$3.5) topped with salty katsuo bushi, dried, fermented



shaved tuna otherwise known as “dancing fish flakes.” Order it, and you’ll understand why.

The kitchen is nothing if not consistent—during our entire meal experience, there was not one dish that I thought was lacking. However, one currently off-menu item, a Japanese eggplant special, seemed particularly inspired. Delicate slices of eggplant are sautéed with sake and topped with a soft-poached egg. Break into the yolk and it mingles with the semi-sweet sauce to render sliced eggplant downright sensual. Chase tells me that when this dish makes the menu, he will likely feature a spicier version.

The sushi also raises the bar in the Twin Cities, not only in terms of preparation and presentation, but also because of the value that Masu’s sushi chefs place on sustainable seafood. While many local eateries have been faithfully following the new mandate of sustainable, local, and organic, sushi fans continue to narf down many an endangered species, topped with wasabi and whale tears. But no more; not at Masu. While that sounds like a bad thing for sushi restaurants everywhere, Masu’s sushi menu has only become more unique and inventive for it. Sustainability doesn’t have to translate into higher prices, either. During happy hour, even the specialty firecracker roll (shrimp tempura, crab, avocado, spicy tuna, cucumber and tempura flakes) is just \$11.50. If you do indulge in Masu’s sushi—and I hope you do—the best way to enjoy a platter is with a flight of sake. Flights of three are all priced under \$20, with the “Rustic Flight” as low as \$12.50. Say what you will about the silky-smooth sakes, but every now and then, it’s the rustic ones with a bit of bite that I, a Scotch-enthusiast, crave.

Masu, located at 330 East Hennepin in Minneapolis, only opened last spring, but it already has the feeling of a Northeast fixture. While it’s always nice to break a story, I’m glad an appreciative public has already latched on with such ferocity. We’re far from Tokyo, but Twin Cities diners are far more adventurous than an outsider would think, and we know a good thing when we eat it. □



LORING KITCHEN & BAR



PATIO DAYS HAVE LIMITED AVAILABILITY SCORE YOUR SEATS TODAY

WWW.LORINGKITCHEN.COM • [612] 843 0400
1359 WILLOW STREET • MINNEAPOLIS

**Simply
the
Best.**

**park
tavern**

BEST WINGS
—Wingfest 2005-2006

BEST PIZZA
—City Pages

**BEST BOWLING
CENTER**
—Mpls/St. Paul Magazine

**BEST
HAPPY HOUR**
—City Pages

BEST BURGERS —Mpls/St. Paul Magazine

**BEST PLACE TO HOST A
CORPORATE PARTY** —Twin Cities Business

**BEST PLACE TO HOST A
FUNDRAISER** —Phil Weber (owner)

3401 Louisiana Ave. So. • St. Louis Park (952) 929-6310 • ParkTavern.net

burger
moë's

BEST BURGER IN TOWN



We Create A Better Burger From The Ground Up!

Burger Monday
☆☆☆☆ at ☆☆☆☆
Burger Moe's
\$5 Burgers w/Fries
choice of any burger • 4pm to close
MONDAYS
Monday Night Football
☆☆☆☆ **Burger Bash** ☆☆☆☆
Not valid on Xcel Event Nights
242 West 7th Street • Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
1 1/2 blocks west of the Xcel Energy Center
Party Room Available **FREE PARKING!**
(651)222-3100 www.burgermoes.com
60 BEERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD - 40 ON TAP!!
We have a great variety of local brews, too!

FALL SALE!

Over 1,000 wines
600 under \$13
Spirits & Beers
Now thru October 29
see the catalog at haskells.com

 **Haskell's**
The Wine People!

Minneapolis | Saint Paul | Bloomington | Burnsville
Chanhassen | Excelsior | Faribault | Minnetonka | Plymouth
Stillwater | White Bear Lake | Woodbury | www.haskells.com

Hennepin & West 26th Minneapolis 612.874.0481 Selby & Dale Saint Paul 651.221.9140

The NEW
UPTOWN Diner

The NEW
Louisiana Cafe

The NEW
WOODBURY Cafe

The NEW
Grandview Grill

eat good FOOD
it's that simple.

Bielenberg & Tamarack Woodbury 651.209.8182 Grand Avenue & Fairview Saint Paul 651.698.2346

TOAST
wine bar & cafe

HAPPY HOUR 5-6 PM
1/2 PRICE BOTTLES
20% OFF GLASSES

VOTED BEST WINE BAR BY
LAVENDER READERS FOR THE
FAB 50 AWARDS!

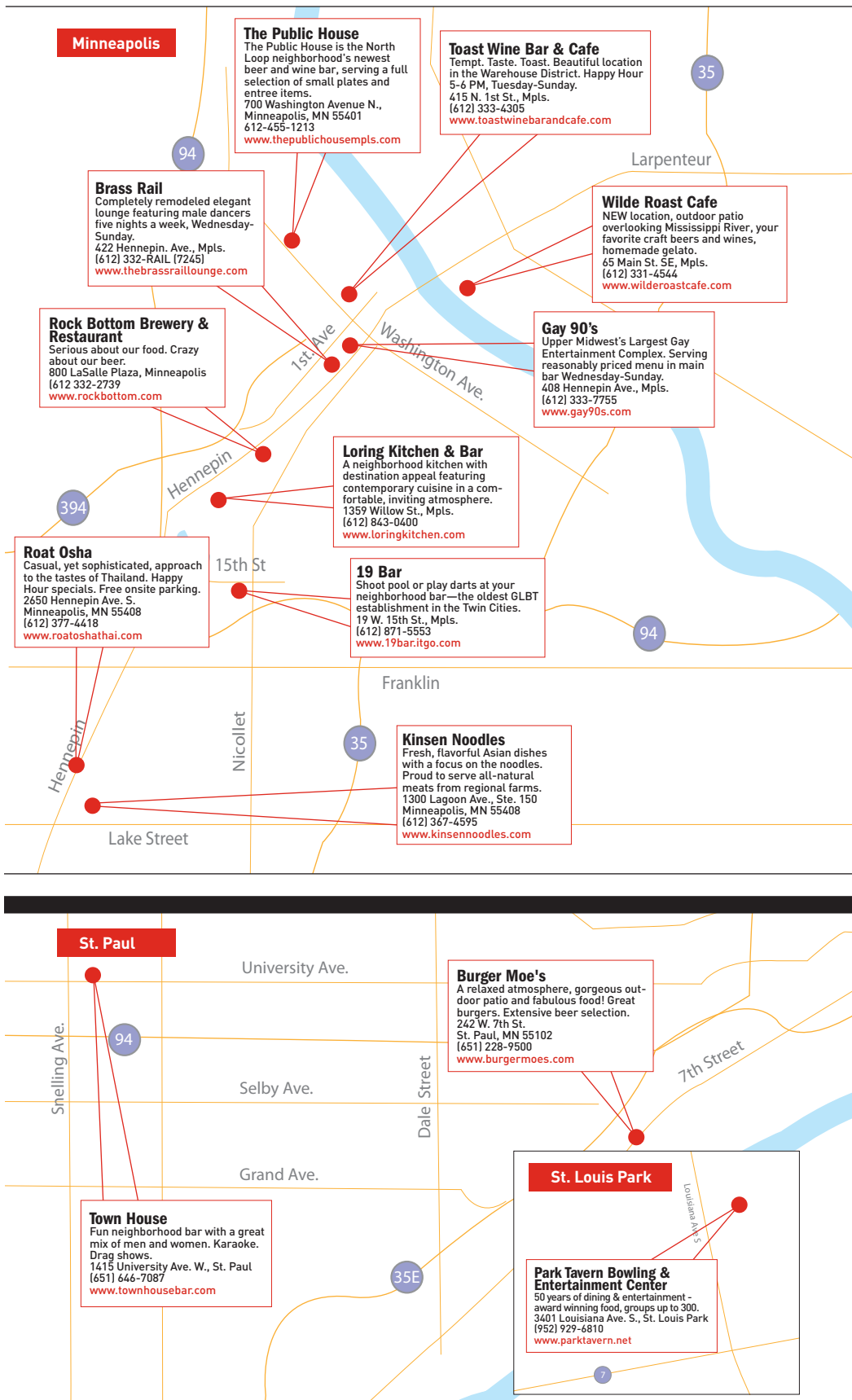
612.333.4305
415 N. 1ST ST. - MINNEAPOLIS
HOURS: TU-TH & SUN. 5-11 PM
FRI & SAT 5PM-MIDNIGHT

<CHRISTOS
Greek Restaurant & Catering Service



Minneapolis - (612) 871-2111
St. Paul - (651) 224-6000
Minnetonka - (612) 912-1000
WWW.CHRISTOS.COM

ADVERTISER GUIDE



FEATURED BARTENDER

by George Holdgrafer



STEVE

WHO

Steve

WHAT

Recipe: Rusty Nail

4 parts Scotch
1 part Drambuie
Over ice
Garnish with philberts

WHEN

Mon.-Wed., Sat.-Sun. • 8 AM-4:30 PM

WHERE

Gay 90's
408 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.
[612] 333-7755
www.gay90s.com

WHY

For the range of people and tastes we cater to.

Photo by George Holdgrafer

BRASS RAIL

SEPTEMBER 20



CROSS UNIVERSITY AT HAMLINE OR SIMPSON BY PERKINS DURING CONSTRUCTION

19+

Thursday-Saturday at 9PM

THURSDAYS

FREE Pool and Darts • \$5 Pitcher
Pumps & Pearls Drag Show • Main Bar
Karaoke • Lounge, No cover

Debut Saturday, October 8
2nd Saturday of every month
Created by Ti-Nea & Mary Brewster

ORIGINAL
CHEAPIE NIGHT!

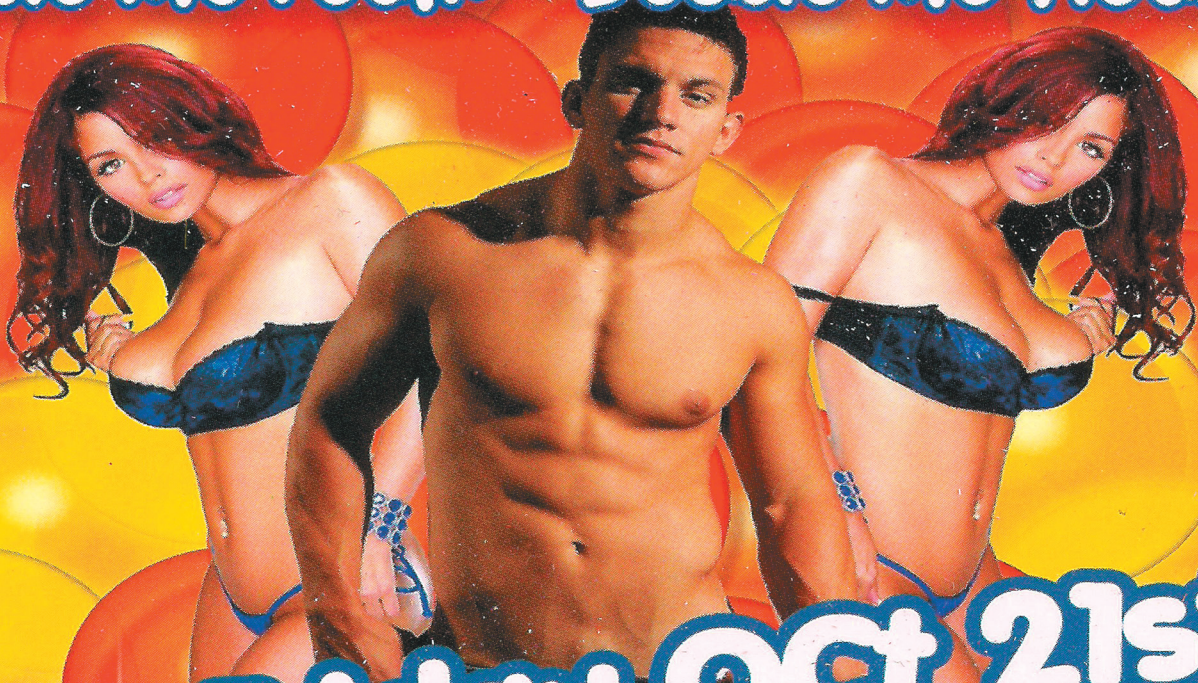
Wednesdays \$1 domestics & rail with DJ TonyD

 The Town House Bar



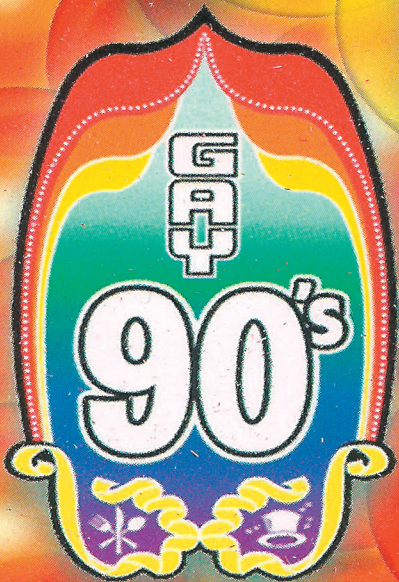
1415 UNIVERSITY AVE. W., ST. PAUL • MIDWAY BETWEEN MPLS. & ST. PAUL • 651-646-7087 • WWW.TOWNHOUSEBAR.COM

Double the Foam • Double the Pleasure



Friday Oct 21st

Foam Party



18+ Party
VIP Card Member Exclusives
Coat Check Available

408 S. Hennepin Ave • MPLS, MN 55401 • GAY90S.COM

One essential
phone number no
homeowner should
be without?

Ours.

With just one phone call to Garlock-French, you can get skilled Roofing Solutions, Roof Maintenance, Cedar Preservation, Chimney Repair, Custom Sheet Metal, and Solar options.

We understand the importance of quality, craftsmanship, and good customer service. They have been the hallmarks of Garlock-French for over 78 years.

We guarantee our workmanship, so you can feel secure knowing work done by Garlock-French will give you years of trouble-free service. And our friendly, reliable staff will take care of all the details, so you won't have to.

At Garlock-French Corporation, we've been up on roofs longer, and it shows.

Providing peace of mind since 1932



Roofing Division • Cedar Preservation Division • Solar Division
Chimney Division • Sheet Metal Division • Roof Maintenance Division

2301 East 25th Street, Minneapolis • 612-722-7129
Garlock-French.com • MN License #0001423



OUR SCENE

SUGAR & SPICE | Justin Jones

Falling in Style

THE NIGHT is colder than it should be. It's late fall weather we're having in the middle of September. The smell of the outdoors whets one's appetite for the familiar comforts autumn brings.

We're off to a fundraiser tonight for the Human Rights Campaign, dressed in our evening best. Tonight, we'll reassure our relationships to those we see only a few times a year. We'll say hello to powerful people who'll forget our names. We'll meet new friends, and, God willing, meet the proverbial *him*.

The tables are cozy white rounds as they usually are, simple but elegant. The atmosphere is warm, familial, empowering. And the wine flows. And flows. It goes down too easily. Only standing to visit the restroom reminds you how many glasses you've had.

Ross Mathews, our beloved and surprisingly down-to-earth compatriot, speaks as a professional comedian at his caliber would: sharp but welcoming, resonate but enlightening. His words turn eloquent for a moment as he explores his childhood struggle with sexuality. I admire him. My friends agree.

Ross takes the stage following an intermission for dinner—an intermission during which I forget a crucial part of being a good dinner guest: use the restroom when the time is right. The consequence? Instead of focusing on Ross during his piece, I focus on him finishing so I can answer nature's call.

When Ross finishes and people stand in ovation, I duck out quickly and use the restroom. When I return the audience is silent, listening to our next speaker. As I make my way back to my seat, through that thicket of the groomed and powerful, I see it happen: a beautiful young woman in a stunning red gown falls from her chair as she leans over for her purse.

She's gorgeous. She hasn't registered her wine intake, I guess. And this becomes my favorite part of the evening: listening to a superstar comedian deliver self-deprecation to show humility. Watching a pretty young lady take a soft tumble to show her not as the mannequin she appears to be, but a real life human being.

Sometimes we all need that fall. To remind us we're on the ground just like everyone else. □

The BRASS RAIL LOUNGE

MALE Dancers

DAILY 9 PM-1:30 AM

3-4-1's

RAIL & DOMESTIC EVERY DAY • 7-9 PM

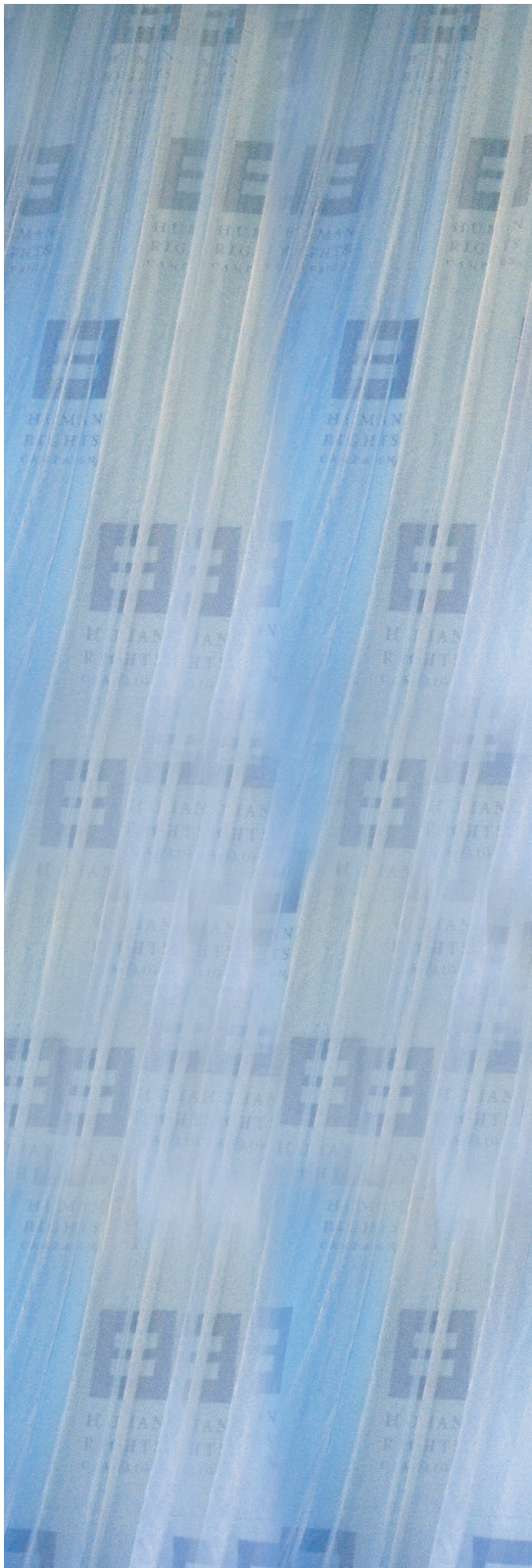
HAPPY HOUR

NOON-7 PM DAILY

\$3.00

Rail Drinks • Domestic Bottles
Pints of Miller Lite & Grain Belt Premium

422 Hennepin Ave., Mpls. • 612 332-RAIL (7245)
www.thebrassrailounge.com



Do you need a solution? I can help.



Achieve legally enforceable results and peace through **mediation** or **arbitration**.

PRIVATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Patrick R. Burns, *IMI Certified Mediator*
(612) 875-1022 | www.resolve.pro

Sound advice—for an uncertain market.

The right partnership can give you one of the most powerful tools in investing today—confidence. Your UBS Financial Advisor, backed by world-class research and resources, will work with you to create your plan that offers clear direction and relevant advice. Because in order to rebuild confidence in today's unpredictable marketplace, you need to surround yourself with a team you can count on.



Advice you can trust starts with a conversation.

Gregory Foster, Vice President—Investments
681 East Lake Street, Wayzata, MN 55391
952-475-9436 800-627-2463
greg.foster@ubs.com ubs.com/fa/gregfoster

UBS Financial Services Inc. is a subsidiary of UBS AG.

©2010 UBS Financial Services Inc. All rights reserved. Member SIPC. 31.20_Ad_4.85x2.33_RP1028_FosG



Jukebox • Video Games • 3 75¢ Pool Tables • Pinball • Darts
Pull Tabs Benefit The Aliveness Project

ATM MACHINE ON PREMISES

OPEN: Mon.-Fri. 3 PM-2 AM • Sat.-Sun. 1 PM-2 AM

ENJOY OUR PATIO
SMOKING PERMITTED

Singles Pool
TOURNAMENT
Sun., October 16 • 4 PM

YOUR BARTENDER
DAVID



19 W. 15th St., Minneapolis • (612) 871-5553 • www.19bar.itgo.com

Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1952

Minnesotan Plays Leading Role in Tony-Winning Revival of *La Cage Aux Folles*

HAILING FROM the town of Wyoming, north of the Twin Cities in Chisago county, singer/actor Christopher Sieber is a Minnesota boy who became a bona fide Broadway Baby. After receiving Tony nominations for *Spamalot* and *Shrek*, he went on to play celebrated sex columnist, Dan Savage, in Savage's own musical about bullying, *The Kid*. In 2010 it won the esteemed Outer Critics Drama Circle Award for Best New Musical.

This year Sieber stepped into the role of Georges, the "masculine" partner opposite Harvey Fierstein as Albin, the "feminine" partner, in the 2010 Tony-winner for Best Revival, *La Cage Aux Folles*. In its national tour which plays the State Theatre, this time around, Sieber plays Albin opposite George Hamilton, who made his mark as a '60s Hollywood studmuffin.

Sieber has also appeared on the Logo network to discuss GLBT issues and has been active with Equity Fights AIDS and Broadway Cares. His partner is Kevin Burrows. I recently spoke with Sieber on a rich life in which his values are reflected both in his art and in his activism.

JT: How exciting that *La Cage* has had you work with Harvey Fierstein and George Hamilton. Tell me about that.

CS: Harvey and I have been friends for 20 years. We'd never actually acted together. We'd just done benefits and readings, but never actually worked (acted) together. We finally got the opportunity, doing *La Cage* and it was terrific. It was magical. You hope for an acting partner who is right on the same wavelength as you, so it's not actually 'work'. It's joy to work with. I had that with Harvey. It was heaven! It was HEAVEN!

And with George Hamilton, now I'm playing the opposite role, so it's actually a challenge for me because I have to switch gears and literally do everything the op-

posite of what I was doing before in the same production. And George Hamilton is one of the most generous, self-deprecating, charming, wonderful guys. Not a diva bone in his body. So it's really lovely working with him.

JT: Back here in Minnesota, how is your family about you and your partner?

CS: My partner Kevin and I and I have gone home and my nieces and nephews love him. Kevin is just part of the family.

JT: Will you have family members coming to see *La Cage* in Minneapolis?

CS: Oh Gosh yes! Actually my mom's badgering me about that.

JT: I saw the very first national tour of *La Cage*, the musical. It was spectacular and powerful and really ran counter to the right wing vibes of the Reagan Era. Tell me about the national tour of the revival.

CS: Actually, this production is very intimate and very focused on the relationships between Georges and Albin and Jean Michel and the basic little family. It's all about love when it comes down to it. And it's about family - a different family, that's all. This particular production comes from The (Menier) Chocolate Factory, which has less than 200 seats. They take shows and make them more intimate and *La Cage* was one of them.

And then they moved it to a larger theater in the West End (London's version of Broadway), but they kept the same small aspect by building a different proscenium. And they kept the same thing on Broadway. The great thing with (director) Terry Johnson is he's letting us discover our own way of these characters. Because when you replace or do a role that's already been done, sometimes they take what the



Christopher Sieber. Photo courtesy of Hennepin Theatre Trust

actor prior to your doing it did. He doesn't work that way. That's great. So we can just be ourselves and work our own way and find our own characters within the script.

JT: You've been a part of forums on Logo.

CS: I'm making myself visible. It's the best thing I can do. To get out there and show what gay people are like. I always wanna be out there. For where I'm from, especially up north, they think gay people are a little scary. To be out and just be a person they realize, "Oh! That's not so bad!"

JT: What are your thoughts on homophobia in Minnesota politics?

CS: We went to the (2011) Minnesota State Fair - my friends Frank Conway, Bobby McGuire, my partner, Kevin and my parents. And I had shirts made the said BARBARIAN across the front of them because of Marcus Bachmann's comments about gays being like barbarians in need of discipline. I had them made like team jerseys. It was really fun walking across the Minnesota State Fair. The people who got it were like "I love that shirt!" The people who didn't were like, is that like some sort of team? ■

La Cage Aux Folles

Oct. 18-23

State Theatre, 805 Hennepin Av., Mpls.
(800) 859-7469

www.hennepintheatretrust.org

Ahead
of the
curve.

J. NOVACHIS
THE MEN'S COLLECTION

3930 W. 50th St. Edina MN USA
952.927.8808



FREE LEGAL CONSULTATION

- ☐ Family Law / Divorce
- ☐ Child Support
- ☐ Domestic Partnerships
- ☐ Criminal Defense
- ☐ Business & Civil Litigation
- ☐ Wills and Powers of Attorney

Randall S. Johnson
Attorney at Law

(651) 646-3755
www.rsjlaw.com

Providing affordable legal services to the GLBT community since 1992
Offices conveniently located at Highway 94 and Snelling Avenue

Looking for a way to save?

You need to insure both your auto and your home, so why not save money in the process? Call today for a free, no obligation look at auto and home discounts from American Family.



Dawn Bartell Agency
4649 Bloomington Avenue
Minneapolis, MN
dbartell@amfam.com
612.333.5554



American Family Mutual Insurance Company and its Subsidiaries
American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin
Home Office - Madison, WI 53783
American Family Insurance Company
American Standard Insurance Company of Ohio
Home Office - Columbus, OH 43240
www.amfam.com © 2008



**WELLS
FARGO**

**With you when you're banking
on each other**

☒ **Personal Financial Review** You've found one another and you're ready to take the next big step — sharing expenses. Talk to someone who can help you navigate the maze of your personal finances and help you take control of your financial situation. Wells Fargo has a wide range of accounts and services including flexible checking and savings accounts, investments, and loans, and we'll work with you to create a financial strategy that works for you both. Speak with a Wells Fargo banker today, and take your next big step with confidence.



wellsfargo.com

© 2011 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. All rights reserved. Member FDIC.



James Sewell Ballet's *Social Movements*. Photo by Eric Saulitis

➔ **James Sewell Ballet's *Social Movements*** — James Sewell Ballet's first Cowles Center performance revives their lauded *Social Movements* collaboration with Emmy-winning composer Steve Heitzig. The piece reflects issues ranging from war to climate change to marriage equality. It first played in 2008. Choreographer Sewell says the 2011 staging will include groups of extras from the broader community to play witnesses to the issues addressed on stage. On different nights there will be different groups of these participants, walking in patterns and simply observing.

As for the marriage equality segments, Sewell says he is revisiting them with an eye to how swiftly the issue has advanced since 2008. He describes that "Three couples - a man and woman, two women, and two men - do the exact same dance. They meet, get closer, and share intimate moments in different ways with equal value and tenderness."

Dancer Eve Schulte is responsible for lifting and assisting her fellow female partner Nicky Coelho, a task most often assigned to males. She shares "It has been an interesting process learning how to be grounded so that I can properly support the technical aspects of our duet, and at the same time, be tender with the movement so that the message of love and emotional support reaches the audience."

Dancer Nic Lincoln, who is paired with fellow male, Corey Goei, points out "There are numerous statutes that prevent equal opportunities for GLBT couples. By portraying commonality between loving relationships regardless of gender, we hope to bring to light the importance of having the same opportunities as heterosexual couples."

These same sex pairs will be enhanced by Chris Hannon and Leah Gallas as the opposite sex dance pair. Moreover, the extraordinary new Cowles space will intensify audience experience. Sewell explains "You've got this big state of the art stage and this intimate house. I think dance looks best in an intimate house where you're close to the work and you can really get a feeling, a palpable sense, of what's going on rather than way off in the distance. Typically, if you have that smaller intimate house you also have a smaller stage, smaller backstage, and you don't have the full fly loft." But then, the Cowles is hardly typical. **James Sewell Ballet's *Social Movements* • Through Oct. 21 - 30 • Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts, 528 Hennepin Av., Mpls • (612) 206-3636 • www.jsballet.org**

Cantus—This inspirational evening includes the five movement set of *We Two*, from Walt Whitman's 19th century homoerotic love poetry. Singer Aaron Humble shares "It's a journey from self-realization to finding love. It's incredible music, and composer Steven Sametz, himself a gay man, sets the text brilliantly."

Humble adds "What I find interesting is performing this music with a group that is predominantly heterosexual. Cantus has some gay singers and I'm one of them. It's very cool to sing this music with men who are not gay but completely comfortable singing these words. That is what I call progress." **Cantus: *On the Shoulders of Giants* • Thurs., Oct. 13 • Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts, 528 Hennepin Av., Mpls. • (612) 206-3636 • www.thecowlescenter.org**

The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron? — When actor/writer Robert Dubac burst on the scene in the 1990s with this groundbreaking solo comedy, he threw a wrench in the works of the polarity between antisex feminism and the Rush Limbaugh cult which had been popularizing the term 'feminazi.' Unfortunately, that cult is worse than ever. But thankfully, feminism and Dubac have evolved. Calling from Block E's brand spankin' new New Century Theatre, where the show is in revival, Dubac shares, "We're in such a dark period of pointing fingers. Socially, whether it's politics or religion, nobody wants to take responsibility. They just want to point fingers and assign blame. And that seems to be the conflict of this show as well. Men don't understand women, so they say they're all crazy. Women don't understand, so they say all men are morons. And the way the show is written. It helps diffuse that us v. them finger pointing because it highlights good and bad points where people can be sort of self-deprecating about their gender, as well as know what positive points they bring to the relationship. In America, we hate compromise. We have a very competitive nature, whether it's our sports teams, our economics, or our religion. We've been so bombarded with that kind of thinking that we can't even get outside that paradigm." **Through Oct. 9 • New Century Theatre at Block E, 615 Hennepin Av., Mpls. • (800) 982-2787 • www.hennepin-theatretrust.org**



The Male Intellect: An Oxymoron?
Photo Courtesy of Hennepin Theatre Trust



jewelry
home
chocolate

max's

www.StyleByMax.com



ring by
Belle Brooke
sterling silver,
pink sapphires,
cognac diamonds

**Shops at
Excelsior & Grand**
3826 Grand Way
St. Louis Park
952.922.8364

"THE SHOW OF THE YEAR!" - WCCO

\$6 OFF WEDNESDAYS
NOW THROUGH OCT 31st!

USE CODE: **LAVNIGHTS**

Not valid for previous purchases - new customers only

DON'T DREAM IT. EXPERIENCE IT.

**THE
ROCKY
HORROR
SHOW**

LIVE!

FEATURING
**DON
SHELBY**
AS 'THE NARRATOR'

**EXPERIENCE THE SMASH-HIT MUSICAL
ON STAGE NOW THROUGH OCT 31 ONLY!**

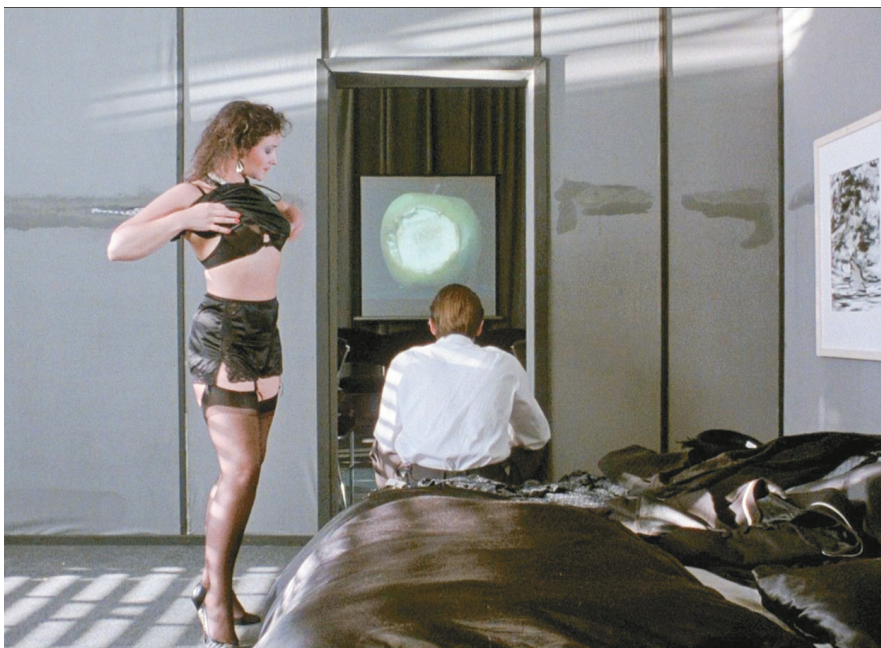
ROCKYHORRORMINNEAPOLIS.COM
THE LAB THEATER, WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

Birth of Venus — Shannon Troy Jones, who plays the lead in Lisa Meyers Flores's fantastical play, calls it "The story of Betty's journey to make her physical self reflect the person she has always been on the inside. Betty is a person, like any of us, and even though I don't identify as transgender, I find it very easy to connect with her." Jones has also been assisted by transgender-identified members of 20% Theatre Company Twin Cities. **Through Oct. 22 • Cedar Riverside People's Center, 425-29th Av. S., Mpls. • (612) 227-1188 • <www.tctwentypercent.org>**



Birth of Venus. Artwork by Carol Bartom

Balls Cabaret—Leslie Ball could be called Patron Saint of Twin Cities cabaret. She is to be congratulated for 20 years as the host of her affordable, weekly Southern Theater showcase of new work across the genre spectrum. Artists of any discipline at any level of experience can do whatever they want for five to seven minutes, uncensored. For 20 years Leslie has created countless opportunities for GLBT artists to try out and develop new work. Thank you Leslie! **Every Saturday, Midnight • Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Av. S., Mpls. • (612) 340-1725 • <www.southerntheater.org>**



A Zed and Two Noughts. Photo Courtesy of Zeitgeist Films

Like A Razor Across The Eye: Surrealism — Surrealism's mind-bending celebration of incongruity has a numinous way of jarring our psyches away from rigid ideas about the nature of reality. Ideas we may not have even realized had been running us. This series includes Alejandro Jodorowsky's *Holy Mountain* (1973), a stream-of-consciousness vision about religion. Filmmaker Luis Bunuel's heretical *Viridiana* (1961) was banned in his native Spain. *A Zed and Two Noughts* (1986) directed by Britain's Peter Greenaway deals with amputation and zoological observations. **Through October • Tylon Microcinema, 3258 Minnehaha Av., Mpls. • (612) 424-5468 • <www.take-up.org>**

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee — Composer/lyricist William Finn, known for gay-themed musicals, also delivers in this 2005 nominee for six Tony Awards. Theater Latte Da director Peter Rothstein says "We still have very few images of gay families in American theater and at the center of Spelling Bee is Logainne Schwartzandgrubenierre, the daughter of two gay dads. The characters are a portrait of the future of America. Logainne, for example, goes on to become Secretary of Education under President Chaz Bono." **Oct. 6 - 30 • Ordway McKnight Theatre, 345 Washington St., St. Paul • (651) 224-4222 • <www.ordway.org>**

©2011 R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.



New

NICE TO MINT YOU

Introducing **Camel SNUS Mint**. Try **smoke-free, spit-free and drama-free** tobacco enjoyment packed in a pouch, with a refreshingly crisp, new mint flavor. Now available exclusively in your area. **Camel SNUS** – the pleasure's all yours.

camelsnus.com*

*WEBSITE RESTRICTED TO AGE 21+ TOBACCO CONSUMERS.



SNUS

WARNING: Smokeless tobacco is addictive.

Lynx

Secure Team Identity and Spot in WNBA Finals

"WE ARE a defensive team that has a lot of offensive firepower," stated Maya Moore, Rookie of the Year for the 2011 WNBA season, as she tries to explain what the magic is behind the team's amazing rise to the top of the league. "While trying not to repeat what I have said before, we will continue to win as long as we continue to play as we have all season; as a team."

The Lynx as a team has finally secured a solid and effective identity after 13 seasons—the Lynx offense starts with their defense. That can be seen on a play in the third quarter of the closeout game of the semi-final series when Phoenix had the ball near their own basket. Lindsey Whalen tipped the ball away momentarily. In the two seconds it took for Phoenix to recovered the ball, Moore was already at the Lynx free throw line looking for a pass from one of her teammates. She then put on the brakes and got back on defense before Phoenix was able to regroup.

Head Coach Cheryl Reeve and her staff have translated this identity into well-defined and articulated team goals and roles that each player can understand and enact. This clarity along with great team chemistry has resulted in a unified group that worked all season long to secure the best record in the league and to make it to the Finals for the first time ever! History for this team is being written, having reached a new level that the 13-year old franchise has not achieved before...but one that is built to last due to its solid foundation.

Here's a summary of the road to the Finals which starts at Target Center on Sunday, October 2nd at 7:30 pm against the Eastern Conference Champs, the Atlanta Dream.

Round 1: Western Conference Semi-Finals vs. San Antonio

As any sports fan can tell you, it is hard to sweep an opponent in the regular season and come back to face them in the playoffs without some concerns. San Antonio is a perennially tough team and it took the Lynx three games to advance, both wins coming on their home court at Target Center. In the first two games, the Lynx showed some nerves narrowly securing a win in the first meeting and being soundly beaten when playing in Texas. Once back in Minneapolis for the third game, the team was back to playing like they had all season and won convincingly, 85-67.

from the director of **milk** and **good will hunting**

"When Gus Van Sant puts out a new movie, you go."
-David Fear, TIME OUT NEW YORK

henry hopper mia wasikowska

restless

WRITTEN BY JASON LEW PRODUCED BY BRIAN GRAZER RON HOWARD BRYCE DALLAS HOWARD GUS VAN SANT
DIRECTED BY GUS VAN SANT

PG-13

IMAGINE JDD SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

www.sonyclassics.com

un certain regard opening night cannes film festival

START FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

LANDMARK THEATRES
Lagoon Cinema
1320 Lagoon Avenue • (612) 392-6408

VIEW THE TRAILER AT WWW.RESTLESSMOVIE.COM

SERVICE AND EXPERTISE SINCE 1978

FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATIONS

17 8th Ave. S. • Hopkins
952-935-4353
www.LittleBlindSpot.com

LITTLE BLIND SPOT

Vignette® Traditional Shades
HunterDouglas

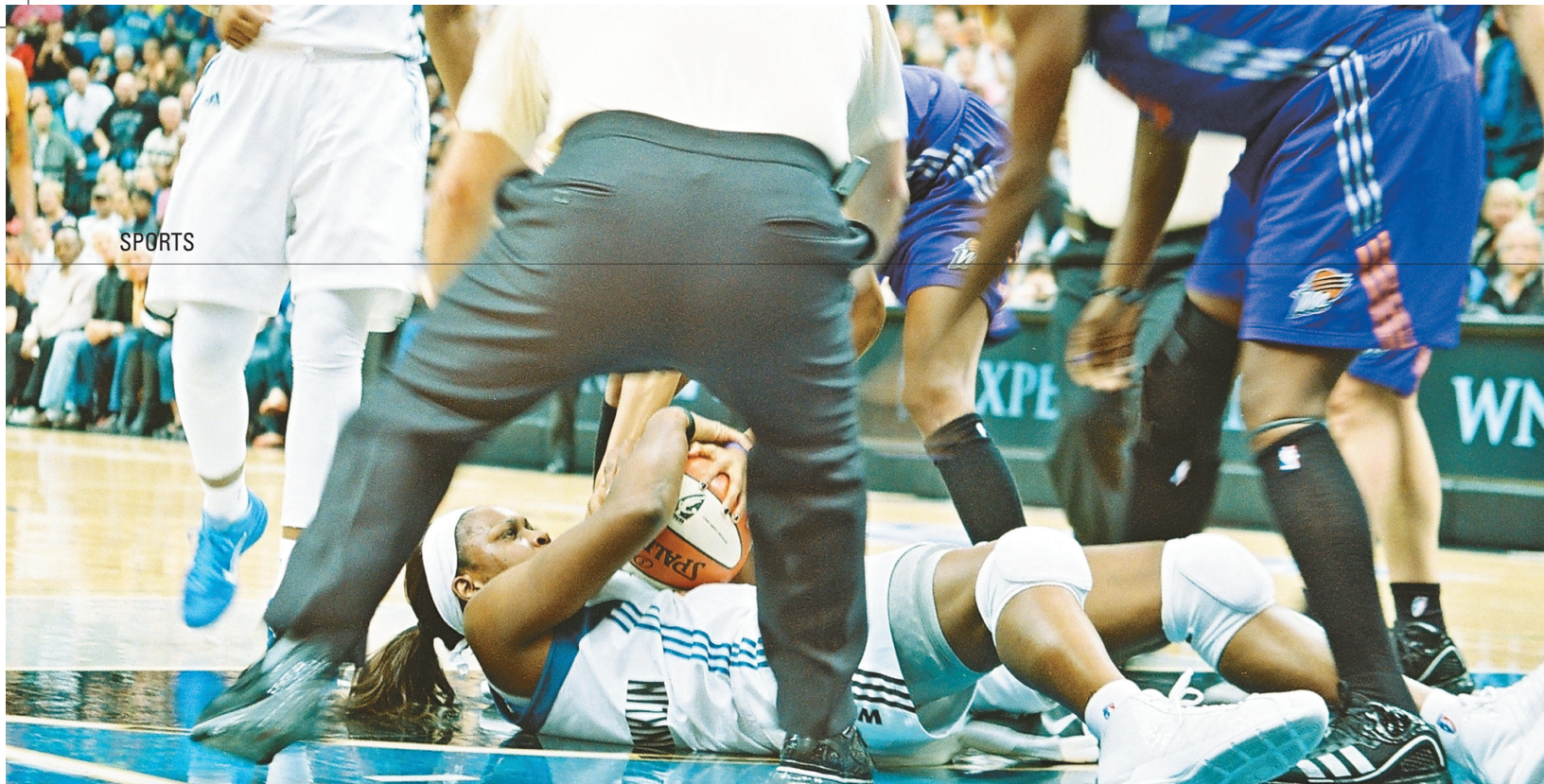
INTEGRITY EXPERIENCE RESULTS

JERRY A. BURG
ATTORNEY AT LAW

20 Years Experience in:
Family Law | Criminal Defense | Employment Law

3009 Holmes Ave. S. • Minneapolis • (612) 822-0865
www.jerryaburg.com

SPORTS



Round 2: Western Conference Finals vs. Phoenix

Diana Taurasi and the Mercury are a fast-paced, high-scoring team. You can be ahead by 20 points but their style of play always leaves room for them to come back. Coach Reeve put together a great game plan during both games allowing the Lynx to sweep them in just two games: 95-67 at Target Center and 103-86 in Phoenix. While the win over the Mercury happened in Phoenix, I am sure most Lynx fans will agree that having the team get two extra days of rest before beginning the Finals makes it worth having the celebration occur from a distance.

Round 3: WNBA Finals vs. Atlanta

What will happen next? Well, this is a best of five series and the first two games are on our home court! Target Center has really gotten large and loud this season with fans being the "sixth player." The Lynx still have the best home record losing only three games in Minneapolis and none in post-season play. The team closed out two days early allowing them some extra sleep, to soak in ice baths, relax in their home city, and to prepare to face their opponent. Our team has stayed healthy both physically and emotionally.

Atlanta is a young team being lead by Angel McCoughtry in just her second year. The Lynx and the Dream match up fairly well in strength, speed, and skills but I give the edge to the Lynx on emotional maturity and poise. In the Dream's win over Indiana that allowed them to advance to the Finals, something happened that most fans have never seen before. McCoughtry picked up her second foul and her coach sent in a sub. Angel just stood there...and stood there...and stood there. She refused to come out of the game until other teammates urged her verbally and nudged her physically to go to the bench. Then for the rest of the 2nd quarter, she refused to acknowledge her coach or to even participate in support from the bench for her team. She started the second half but I am counting on that lack of poise in tough situations to rear its head again! So Lynx players and fans alike have discovered at least one weakness in Atlanta's game plan—their floor leader can turn on herself and her team if she doesn't get her way...and then pout! We predict we will win this series one way or the other but the Lynx will do it by being a cohesive team and not by one individual dominating. Go Lynx! ☐


MAKE A DIFFERENCE
BE AN HIV PEER EDUCATOR

shield
a PEER-LED PROJECT

Maybe you've experienced some tough times and want to give back. Show people less risky ways to have fun and play safe. Are you gay, bi, or questioning and 18-29? Have you used or are currently using drugs? We can help you make a difference in your community. Call the MAP AIDSLine at 612-373-2437.

KNOW YOUR STATUS: Take the Test. Take Control.
We do free HIV TESTING, give referrals, and offer safer sex supplies. Call the MAP AIDSLine or visit www.mnaidsproject.org.

MINNESOTA
AIDS
PROJECT™



**Hamline
AutoBody**

**Done the way
it should be.**

With quality workmanship since 1959 and
a total commitment to EARN your trust.

2520 Broadway Drive
Lauderdale, MN 55113
(651) 224-4717
www.hamlineautobody.com



21

22

23

24



25

26

27



28

29

VOGUE-TRASH. Photo by Jim Smith

Black Hearts Burlesque. Photo by Emma Freeman

Weekend. Photo Courtesy of GL

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts presents "Vanska Conducts: A Hero's Life"

Oct 6 at 11 AM and Oct 8 at 8 PM • Tickets \$22 -- \$84 • Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls • For more info or tickets, call 612-371-5656 or visit www.minnesotaorchestra.org

Theater Latte Da presents "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

Oct 6 – 30 • Ordway Center, McKnight Theatre, 345 Washington St., St. Paul • For tickets or more info, including performance times, call 651-224-4222 or visit ordway.org

2nd Annual Training to Serve Benefit

Oct 6 • 6 – 8 PM • \$50 • Minneapolis Women's Club, Mpls • For more info, visit www.trainingtoserve.org

Patrick's Cabaret presents Singer/Songwriter Series hosted by Drew Peterson

Oct 7 • 8 PM • Admission \$10 (cash or check only) • Patrick's Cabaret, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, call 612-724-6273 or visit www.patrickscabaret.org

Illusion Theater presents "The K of D: An Urban Legend"

Oct 7 – 22 • Tickets \$15 – \$30 • Illusion Theater, 528 Hennepin Ave., 8th Floor, Mpls • For tickets or more info, call 612-339-4944 or visit www.illusion-theater.org

North Star Gay Rodeo Association Dance

Oct 8 • 8 PM – 12:30 AM • \$10 suggested donation at door gets you in and the first beverage of your choice • Ballentine VFW, 2916 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, visit www.nsga.org

Beyond the Rainbow – Garland at Carnegie Hall

Oct 8 – Nov 6 • The History Theatre, Mpls • For performance times and tickets, visit www.historytheatre.com

VocalEssence presents "The Gift of Fire"

Oct 9 • 4 PM • Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls • www.vocalescence.org

Merriam Park Library Free Film Night

Oct 11 • 6:30 PM • Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., St. Paul • For more info, call 651-642-0835 or visit www.sppl.org

Black Hearts Burlesque Quarterly LGBTQ Show – "We Are All Going To Hell"

Oct 12 • Doors 9 PM, Show 10 PM • \$10 cover, 21+ only • Hell's Kitchen, 80 S. 9th St., Minneapolis

Eau Queer Film Festival

Oct 13 – 16 • University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Campus • For more info, visit www.eauqueer.com

Cantus Fall Concert – "On The Shoulders Of Giants"

Oct 13 • 7:30 PM • Tickets \$25/adults, \$10/children and students • Cowles Center, Mpls • For tickets or more info, call 612-435-0055 or visit www.cantus-sings.org

Lavender Night at the Theatre – History Theatre presents "Beyond the Rainbow: Garland at Carnegie Hall"

Oct 13 • Pre-show reception at 7 PM, Curtain at 8 PM • History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St., St. Paul • Use promo code LAVBTR to get \$10 off tickets • For tickets, call 651-292-4323

Pantages Theatre presents Fran Lebowitz

Oct 14 • 8 PM • Tickets \$32.50 – \$42.50 • Pantages Theatre, 710 Hennepin Ave., Mpls • For tickets or more info, call 1-800-982-2787 or visit www.hennepintheatretrust.org

Patrick's Cabaret presents Eclectic Electric Music Series

Oct 14 • 8 PM • Admission \$10 at door (cash or check only) • Patrick's Cabaret, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, call 612-724-6273 or visit www.patrickscabaret.org

Park Square Theatre presents "Oliver Twist"

Oct 14 – Nov 6 • Tickets: \$38 – \$58, preview tickets \$25 • Park Square Theatre, 408 St. Peter St., Ste. 110, St. Paul • For more info, call 651-291-7005 or visit www.parksquaretheatre.org

Man2Man Sexual Health Seminar

Oct 14 – 16 • Overnight weekend retreat • Free • Baker Near Wilderness Settlement, Maple Plain, MN • For more info, call 612-626-7937 or 1-800-552-8636 • www.m2m.mn

Patrick's Cabaret presents 2nd Annual VOGUE/TRASH: Costume Fashion Ball Benefit

Oct 15 • Silent Auction/7 PM, Fashion Show/8 PM, Dance Party/10 PM • Tickets: \$10/general admission, \$20/VIP • Patrick's Cabaret, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, call 612-724-6273 or visit www.patrickscabaret.org

The Big Gay Race

Oct 15 • 9 AM • Start and finish at Wilde Roast Café's new location, St. Anthony Main, 65 Main St. SE, Mpls • For more info, visit www.thebig-gayrace.com

Cantus Fall Concert – "On The Shoulders Of Giants"

Oct 15 • 7:30 PM • Tickets \$25/adults, \$10/children and students • Sundin Music Hall, Hamline University, St. Paul • For tickets or more info, call 612-435-0055 or visit www.cantusings.org

Cantus Fall Concert – "On The Shoulders Of Giants"

Oct 16 • 3:00 PM • Tickets \$25/adults, \$10/children and students • St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, Wayzata • For tickets or more info, call 612-435-0055 or visit www.cantusings.org

State Theatre presents "La Cage Aux Folles"

Oct 18 – 23 • State Theatre, Mpls • For more info, tickets and performance times, call 1-800-982-2787 or visit www.hennepintheatretrust.org

Orpheum Theatre presents The Australian Pink Floyd Show

Oct 20 • 7:30 PM • Tickets \$48.50 – 58.50 • Orpheum Theatre, 910 Hennepin Ave., Mpls • For more info or tickets, call 1-800-982-2787 or visit www.hennepintheatretrust.org

Minnesota Orchestra Classical Concerts presents "Nadja Returns: Piazzolla and Copland"

Oct 20 – 22 • Thurs/11 AM, Fri/Sat at 8 PM • Tickets \$22 – \$84 • Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Mpls • For more info or tickets, call 612-371-5656 or visit www.minnesotaorchestra.org

Patrick's Cabaret: April Sellers Presents...

Oct 21 – 22 • 8 PM • Tickets \$8 in advance from artist, \$10 at door • Patrick's Cabaret, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, call 612-724-6273 or visit www.patrickscabaret.org



30

1

2

3



4

5

6

7

8

ry of Glendale Picture Company A Sundance Selects release.

Minnesota Lynx. Photo by Sophia Hantzes

SteppingStone Theatre presents "A Little Princess"

Oct 21 – Nov 6 • SteppingStone Theatre For Youth Development, 55 Victoria St. N., St. Paul • www.steppingstonetheatre.org

Cantus Fall Concert – "On The Shoulders Of Giants"

Oct 21 • 10:30 AM • Tickets \$25/adults, \$10/children and students • Colonial Church, Edina • For tickets or more info, call 612-435-0055 or visit www.cantus-sings.org

MWSL Charity Soccer Tournament

Oct 22 • 7 v. 7 Women's Soccer Tournament • \$300 Team Registration fee • Silent Auction • Vadnais Sports Center, Vadnais Heights, MN • For more info, visit www.mwsl.org or contact Angie Larson at socerrules826@hotmail.com

Cantus Fall Concert – "On The Shoulders Of Giants"

Oct 23 • 3:00 PM • Tickets \$25/adults, \$10/children and students • Church of St. Michael, Stillwater • For tickets or more info, call 612-435-0055 or visit www.cantus-sings.org

ONGOING

Brave New Workshop presents "Obama Mia: or The Real Housewives of Abbotabad"

Through Oct 1 • Thurs 8 PM/\$26, Fri/8 PM/\$29, Sat/7PM/\$29, Sat/10 PM/\$27 • The Brave New Workshop Theatre, 2605 Hennepin Ave. S., Mpls • For tickets, call 612-332-6620 or visit www.bravenewworkshop.com

Jungle Theater presents "Hamlet"

Through Oct 9 • Tickets \$10 – \$35 • The Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls • For more info or tickets, call 612-822-7063 or visit www.jungletheater.com

Mixed Blood Theatre presents "Neighbors"

Through Oct 9 • Mixed Blood Theatre, 1501 S. 4th St., Mpls • For more info or tickets, call 612-338-6131 or visit www.mixedblood.com

"The Ballad of Sexual Dependency"

Through Oct 16 • Walker Art Center, 1750 Hennepin Ave., Mpls • For more info, call 612-375-7600 or visit www.walkerart.org

Intermedia Arts presents "Loose Ends: Definitions of the Young Mind"

Through Oct 22 Exhibition • \$3 suggested donation • Gallery Hours: Mon – Fri/10 AM – 6 PM, Sat/12 – 5 PM • Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls • For more info, visit www.intermediaarts.org

Minnesota Museum of American Arts presents "Our Treasures: Highlights From the Minnesota Museum of American Art"

Through Oct 23 (Tweed exhibition), Aug 2011 – July 2012 general • Tweed hours are Tues/9 AM – 8 PM, Wed – Fri/9 AM – 4:30 PM, Sat – Sun/1 – 5 PM • Tweed Museum of Art, Duluth • For more info about exhibition, visit www.d.umn.edu/tma or email Jessari Kuppe at jkuppe@mmaa.org or 651-797-4057 • www.mmaa.org

The Lab Theater presents "Rocky Horror Show – Live"

Through Oct 31 • Tickets \$46.50, VIP for \$55 • The Lab Theater, 700 N. 1st St., Mpls • For more info, including a list of performance times, visit www.thelabtheater.org • www.rockyhorrorminneapolis.com

Nina Bliese Gallery presents Ann Ginsburgh Hofkin – "Contemplating Mysterious Landscapes"

Through Nov 11 • Gallery hours: Tues – Fri/ Noon to 4 PM, or by appointment (call 651-328-7762) • Nina Bliese Gallery, 225 S. 6th St., Ground Floor, Mpls • For more info, call 612-332-2978 or visit www.ninabliesegallery.com

Movie Night

Every Monday and Tuesday • 9 PM – Close • The Brass Rail, 422 Hennepin Ave., Mpls • www.thebrassrailounge.com

The Center of Light – Guided Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesdays 10 – 10:30 AM • Thursdays 5 – 5:30 PM • Saturdays 7 – 7:30 AM • Center of Light, 2548 Pleasant Ave., Mpls • For more info, call 612-205-5545 or email Minneapolis@centersoflight.org

The Center of Light presents a Lecture Series

Tuesdays • 7 PM • \$8 per lecture • 2548 Pleasant Ave., Mpls • For more info or to register, call 612-205-5545, visit www.minneapolis.lightlectureseries.com or email Minneapolis@centersoflight.org

Male Revue

Every Wednesday – Sunday • 8 PM – 1:30 AM • The Brass Rail, 422 Hennepin Ave., Mpls • www.thebrassrailounge.com

Pumps and Pearls Drag Revue

Every Thursday • Free in the Main Bar • \$5 Pitchers MGD & Lite • Free pool & darts • Town House Bar, 1415 University Ave., St. Paul • www.townhousebar.com

Thirsty Thursdays

Every Thursday • \$1 Wells & Domestic • Minimal Cover Charge • Gay 90s, 408 S. Hennepin Ave., Mpls • www.gay90s.com

Bar Bingo

Every Friday • 6 PM • Benefits the Aliveness Project • Town House Bar, 1415 University Ave., St. Paul • www.townhousebar.com

Town House Bar 19+ Nights

Every Thurs – Sat • 9 PM • Town House Bar, 1415 University Ave. S., St. Paul • For more info, call 651-646-7087 • www.townhousebar.com

Singles Pool Tournament

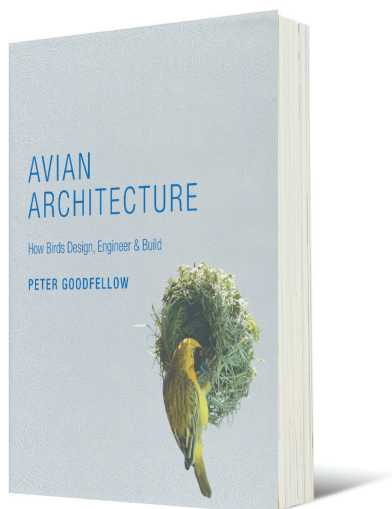
Every Third Sunday of the Month • 4 PM • 19 Bar, 19 W. 15th St., Mpls • www.19bar.itgo.com

Healing Minnesota With Song, Word and Spirit

Every fourth Sunday of month (except Dec) through Oct 2012 • Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet, Mpls • For more info, call 612-871-7400 or visit www.plymouth.org

FOR MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS, VISIT LAVENDERMAGAZINE.COM/CATEGORY/CALENDAR, OR SCAN THE CODE ABOVE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE



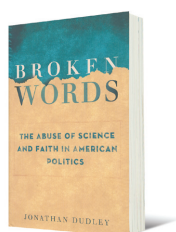


Avian Architecture: How Birds Design, Engineer and Build

Peter Goodfellow

Ivy Press \$27.95

Beautifully illustrated with 300 full-color images, both photographs and drawings, the text is arranged by type of construction, scrape nests, domes, tunnels, woven and stitched, and edible, with 35 case studies of specific examples. Detailed line drawings show the intricate steps from start to finish of given nests, awe-inspiring feats of design and architecture when one realizes that nests are in use for a few weeks at most. One unique example: the Great Hornbills, huge birds found in India, the Himalayas, Indochina and Malaysia, the choose preexisting cavities. The female seals herself inside for the entire incubation period, being fed by the male and excreting through a small slot in the mud wall. This is a lovely book to give—or keep.

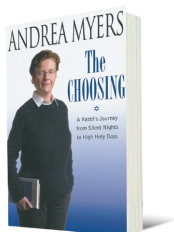


Broken Words: The Abuse of Science and Faith in American Politics

Jonathan Dudley

Crown Publishers \$21.99

Dudley tackles the big four faith and science positions of evangelical Christianity: abortion; gay marriage; evolution; environmentalism, and finds them wanting in accuracy and rigor. Although himself raised an evangelical Christian, Dudley's studies—obtaining a BS in biology from Calvin College, an MA in religion from Yale University Divinity School, and pursuing an MD at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine—have led him to reject the unquestioning absolutism of current evangelical doctrine. For one example, many Christians, going back to Augustine, Aquinas and even earlier evangelicals, did not hold that human life begins at conception and that many other fundamentalist views—gay marriage for example—depend more on attempts to maintain socially conservative cultural values than literal Biblical interpretation.

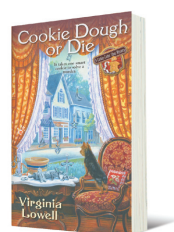


The Choosing: A Rabbi's Journey from Silent Nights to High Holy Days

Andrea Myers

Rutgers University Press \$19.95

Andrea Myers, daughter of a Lutheran Father and Sicilian Catholic mother, is a lesbian, Jewish convert, and rabbi. Her candid memoir is presented through the cycle of the Jewish year, her stories interwoven with Biblical and Talmudic lore into a compelling read. Her journey, she stresses is not simply one of transformation, but of integration, noting, "Any real life change, I learned, should only make you more of who you are." Myers's family provides humor, solidarity— and love. As her Sicilian grandmother said, having offered her granddaughter a well-intentioned special treat—Purim hamantaschen filled with pork—and noting Myer's eyes filling with tears (from a gag reflex) "There's no need to cry. I love you. This is what family does."



Cookie Dough or Die

Virginia Lowell

Berkley Prime Crime \$7.99

Local author Lowell's first foray into cookie cozy capers introduces Olivia Greyson, owner of The Gingerbread House. There, with best friend and sidekick Maddie, Olivia concocts to-die-for recipes for unique confections, shaping them with her vast collection—some antique and highly collectible—cookie cutters. When noted businesswoman Clarisse Chamberlain is found dead, the event seems a shocking, though accidental, death. But as word spreads through the Chatterley Heights grapevine that Olivia is now heir to a sizeable sum of money as well as Clarisse's collection of valuable antique cookie cutters, rumors fly. Then the postman collapses on his route holding a store bag with Olivia's cookie crumbs... Cozy up with Dough, and watch for A Cookie Before Dying this December. □

Theater Latté Da presents

Tickets Now
on Sale!

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE



October 6–30, 2011

The hilarious, interactive musical comedy
directed by Peter Rothstein & Michael Matthew Ferrell

Ordway Center, McKnight Theatre

345 Washington Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Box Office: 651.224.4222 | Ordway.org

DOWNTOWN RESOURCE GROUP

Minneapolis Condos | Lofts

CONDO OR LOFT BUYERS: HOW TO AVOID PAYING TOO MUCH

Whether you're a first-time buyer or an old pro at the real estate game, buying a home can be a daunting process. It's an emotional time filled with difficult choices, and each decision you make has money riding on it.

To order this **FREE** report email Joe@DRGMpls.com
or call 855.777.7225 ext: 103 today.



DowntownMplsLiving.com



LIVING LEGEND: AN INTERVIEW WITH FRAN LEBOWITZ



Fran Lebowitz. Photo provided by Hennepin Theatre Trust

FRAN LEBOWITZ brings her crisp wit and thought-provoking social commentary to Minneapolis on October 14th as part of the Hennepin Theatre Trust's *Living Legends* series. She'll discuss her decade-long bout with writer's block that she's dubbed a 'blockade.' No doubt, she'll also cover much of the same territory traversed in *Public Speaking*, the 2010 HBO documentary about her, directed by Martin Scorsese. In advance of her performance, I was afforded the distinct privilege to speak with Fran on a range of topics. I have reprinted some of her thoughts here, but our entire chat can be found at LavenderMagazine.com.

On how it feels to be called a "living legend."

Not youthful. No one 25 has ever been called that. I supposed the "living" part is the most optimistic.

On her decade long writer's block, and what caused it.

I absolutely have zero idea. I've always had the same number of things to say. I've always had the same desire to say them. Saying them is not the problem. Writing them is the problem. And I may be one of the last people to make this big distinction between talking and writing. To me it's such a different thing. They're unrelated, it seems to me. I realize now with blogging, they're much more related, by which I mean the writing in blogs or what people use for tex-

ting is much more like talking. There's a lot less attention paid to it, to the actual writing sentence by sentence or word by word. People are just trying to say the same thing you would say on the telephone or, by the way, you used to not say at all. It really used to not be important to tell someone who you were meeting for dinner what street you were on, on your way to dinner, because truthfully, who cares? People are expressing all these, I know people call them thoughts. They're not thoughts. They're not even feelings. They're just, "Here I am. This is exactly what I'm doing every second." You know, that leads to something that is, informal is not even the word for it. I'm still a person who expects sentences that are printed to be different from sentences I hear.

On Technology and the art of observation.

I think it's [observation] a dying experience. My lack of technology seems like a position, practically a political position or even a moral position. Really, it was so gradual. When they started using computers it wasn't as if I said, "No I refuse to use a computer." I just don't like machines. I didn't have the old machines. I never had a typewriter. It wasn't anything to do with, now it's called technology, it used to be called machines. I never had any machines or I had as few as you could possibly have, because I have no affinity for them. For instance, I've owned the same car since 1978. I would say,

for less than two years have I known how to open the hood. And that was only because I was in an emergency where there was no one to help me open the hood. And it's a very simple car. You don't have to be Albert Einstein to open the hood of my car. So, it just gradually took over.

I had no idea, of course, that the world would disappear into this technology. And I don't think anyone else knew that either. So, it wasn't a stance, it just was a circumstance that now looks like a stance. If you stay in the same place the world will move and make it look like you've taken a position. This is true of smoking, too. So now it's so extreme not to have any of these things that it makes people pay attention to them in a way that, to me, is just not that important.

It used to be when you were in the street, you were in the street. You didn't have a choice not to be in the street. But now, I'm practically the only person in the street who's *in* the street. I notice that, because everybody else is texting or some people still on their cell phones or taking photographs of things that are so banal it's hard to imagine that anybody wants a photograph of this. So no one is actually aware of their surroundings. They are not in the street, they are somewhere else. They're wherever this machine has taken them. So, yes, it puts me in an unusual position to observe, when it used to be a usual position. □

©2011 R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.



TASTE VICTORY

Enjoy **smoke-free, spit-free, drama-free** tobacco that's packed
in a pouch for full-flavored, long-lasting anytime enjoyment.

Camel SNUS—the pleasure's all yours.

camelsnus.com*

*WEBSITE RESTRICTED TO AGE 21+ TOBACCO CONSUMERS.



SNUS

**WARNING: Smokeless
tobacco is addictive.**

BIGGAYNEWS.COM: YOUR DAILY PODCAST OF GLBT WORLD NEWS!

**BIG
GAY
NEWS
COM**


Military Gay Ban Repealed

CBS reports that at 12:01 am EDT Tuesday, September 20th, the US military's ban on openly gay servicemembers was officially repealed. Gay soldiers can now serve openly. Almost the entire military has undergone training related to repeal. The different branches of the military have been accepting applications from gay recruits for weeks, and those applications will now go forward.

Marines Hit the Ground Running in Seeking Recruits at Gay Center

The New York Times reports that following the repeal of 'DADT,' recruiters from the US Marine Corps set up a recruiting booth at the Dennis R. Neill Equality Center in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma. Although the marines were among the most opposed to repeal, the branch was the only one of the five branches invited to show up.

Rep. Sally Kern Says Gays Are Still A National threat, Worse Than Terrorism

The Washington Post reports that Oklahoma Republican State Rep. Sally Kern, in an interview during her recent book tour, said that homosexuality is a bigger threat than terrorism. "In the last 20 years, 15 to 20 years, we've had maybe three terrorist attacks on our soil

with a little over 5,000 people regrettably losing their lives. In the same time frame, there have been hundreds of thousands who have died because of having AIDS. So which one's the biggest threat," said Kern.

Gay Couple to Sue Illinois B&Bs That Wouldn't Host Civil Union

The Associated Press reports that a gay couple has decided to sue two Illinois Bed & Breakfasts that refused to host their civil union ceremony. The Illinois Dept. of Human Rights found "substantial evidence" that a civil rights violation was committed, which allows the couple to sue Timber Creek B&B and the Beall Mansion.

Post-'DADT,' Gay Navy Lt. Marries

Politico reports that just minutes after DADT was officially repealed,

Navy Lt. Gary Ross and his civilian partner, Dan Swezy, were married during a ceremony in Vermont. Ross told the Associated Press before the ceremony, "We feel that it's important that as soon as we're allowed to commit to each other that we do." While Lt. Ross is now able to serve openly, his partner will not receive any of the benefits entitled to opposite sex military spouses.

Play About Prop 8 Makes its Broadway Debut

The Wall Street Journal reports that 8, a play based on the court fight over California's ban on same-sex marriage ban, debuted on Broadway Monday, September 19th. The play, written by screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, debuted just hours after a federal judge ruled video from the trial should

be unsealed. Black wrote the play using the transcript from the trial. The play premiered as a one-night-only reading at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

Nashville Paramedic Suspended for Anti-Gay Postings

The Tennessean reports that the Nashville Fire Department has suspended veteran paramedic Kevin Kennedy after a hearing found he posted on both his and the Nashville Fire Dept. Emergency Medical Services' Facebook page that being gay was a perversion. He also told two gay EMS workers to "crawl back into the closet." Kennedy was suspended for two months and will have to pay for and show proof of participation in an anger management and diversity training program.

Scott Brown Defends Gay Rights Record from Democratic Criticism

The Boston Globe reports that US Senator Scott Brown has responded to Democratic criticism over his gay rights record by releasing the text of a speech he was to deliver as he received an award from the Log Cabin Republicans. Brown touted his vote last year in favor of repealing DADT. Critics point to his opposition to gay marriage and the ENDA.

Gay Iranians Launch Online Campaign

YNetNews reports that GLBT Iranians have launched a Facebook campaign to highlight the discrimination they face in a country where being gay is punishable by death. Their Facebook page, titled "We are Everywhere", includes personal stories and links to anonymous YouTube videos.

Effort to Repeal Colorado's Gay Marriage Ban Dropped

The Associated Press reports that an attempt to repeal Colorado's same-sex marriage ban has been stopped by the college students who organized the effort. Mark Olmstead, who was behind the idea said he would give up the attempt to collect the 86,000 signatures necessary to put the repeal on the 2012 ballot. Apparently, the repeal didn't have the support of the state's gay rights groups.

WORSHIP GUIDE



100 NORTH OXFORD ST
ST. PAUL, MN
55104-6540



(651) 224-3371
STPAULREF.ORG

ST. PAUL-REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Word • Sacrament • Action • Prayer

Sunday Services

8:00 • 10:30 am • September - May
9:30 am • June - August

Wingspan Ministry
Pastoral Care • Education • Witness
Advocacy • Outreach
with GLBTQ and Allied
Communities



PLYMOUTH ALL
CONGREGATIONAL ARE
Progressive Faith WELCOME
Healing the World

Chapel 9:50 a.m., children especially welcome

Sanctuary Worship, 10:30 a.m.

(child care available)

Healing Minnesota services, 5 p.m., fourth Sunday (except December), are responses to marriage amendment

Ministers: James Gertmenian, Jeffrey Sartain, Paula Northwood, Catherine Crooks, Tara Bauer
Organist-Choirmaster: Philip Brunelle

1900 Nicollet Avenue at Franklin • Minneapolis
612/871-7400 • www.plymouth.org



First Unitarian Society

Proclaiming
together:

We are all worthy.

900 Mount Curve Ave.
Minneapolis

612-377-6608
www.firstunitarian.org



Tune into Stephanie Miller
Wednesdays from 8:00 – 11:00a.m.
for Hump Days with Hal Sparks!



Tune in or listen online
at www.AM950radio.com

We're in the city for Good!

— serving people in need through the
Restoration Center, offering spiritual care
and hope through a variety of direct services
— working to end homelessness through
**Downtown Congregations to End
Homelessness** (dceh.org)

Worship with us!

Saturday — 5:30 p.m.
Holy Communion - 45 Minutes
—intimate worship in a grand space—

Sunday — 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion in “grand Central style”

Monday — 11:00 a.m.
Word and prayer in Fellowship Hall
preceding the weekly community meal

*All
are
Welcome!*

Central Lutheran Church

12th Street South at 3rd Avenue
Downtown Minneapolis
centralmpls.org 612.870.4416



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

United Methodist Church

Duluth - First UMC
Eden Prairie UMC
Excelsior UMC
Minnetonka UMC
Onamia UMC
Mankato - Centenary UMC
North Oaks- Peace UMC
Edina -
Good Samaritan UMC
Golden Valley -
Spirit of Hope UMC
Saint Anthony - Faith UMC
Saint Paul - Hamline UMC
Saint Peter-
Good Samaritan
Minneapolis-
Epworth UMC
Hennepin Avenue UMC
Joyce UMC
Lake Harriet UMC
Minnehaha UMC
New Harmony at
Historic Wesley Church
Prospect Park UMC
Richfield UMC
Simpson UMC
Walker Community UMC

www.mnrcumc.org

RADAR

GLIMPSES | E.B. Boatner



Photo by YouthLink.

QUEER TIME THIRD THURSDAYS TO HELP HOMELESS GLBTQ YOUTH FIND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Queer Time Third Thursdays is geared to GLBTQ teens that are homeless or housed in precarious or temporary situations. Named by the teen participants themselves, Queer Time Third Thursdays is hosted by YouthLink, one of the Twin Cities' most experienced youth service providers, in partnership



Photo by Sophia Hantzes

LYNX HEAD COACH CHERYL REEVE IS 2011 WNBA COACH OF THE YEAR

The WNBA recently announced that Minnesota Lynx head coach Cheryl Reeve is the recipient of the 2011 WNBA Coach of the Year Award, becoming the second Lynx head coach in franchise history to receive the award, joining Suzie McConnell Serio (2004). Reeve received 36 votes from a national panel of 40 sportswriters and broadcasters. Reeve



Photo by Sophia Hantzes

MAYA MOORE NAMED 2011 WNBA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

The WNBA also announced that Lynx forward Maya Moore has been named the Rookie of the Year. A national panel of 40 sportswriters and broadcasters awarded Moore the honor, with 38 of the possible 40 votes. Moore became Minnesota's third Rookie of the Year in franchise history (Betty Lennox, 2000; Seimone Augustus, 2006). She received the award from WNBA President Laurel Richie during a press conference prior to the evening's Western

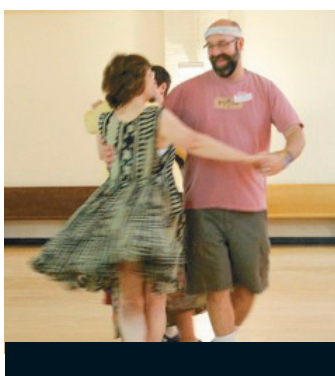


Photo by Lou Miranda

LGBTQ, GENDER-NEUTRAL, CONTRA DANCING REVIVES AT TAPESTRY FOLK DANCE CENTER

Gender-free contra dancing started in Boston in the 1970s, and in 1981, a group called "Les be Gay and Dance" was started in the Twin Cities, in which contra dance was done without any reference to gender, avoiding calling moves with any reference to "ladies" or "gents." Similar to old-time square dancing, contra dancing is done in lines to music

with the HIM Program, Kulture Klub and Host Home. He event helps homeless GLBTQ youth connect to resources and services while providing a hot meal, entertainment and a safe place to get together with peers and be themselves. Some 90 young people attended the first three events, accessing basic needs services and connecting with youth service providers such as Healthcare for the Homeless, Trans Youth Support Network, and The Bridge for Youth. The event will be held at the Youth Opportunity Center at YouthLink, 41 North 12th Street in Minneapolis from 4 to 6 PM on the third Thursday of each month. Call (612) 252-1226.

was presented with the award by WNBA President Laurel Richie at a press conference at in the Timberwolves/Lynx media room. Under Reeve's tutelage, the Lynx authored a significant turnaround in 2011, finishing the regular season with the league's best record (27-7, a 14-game improvement over last season, second-largest single-season wins increase in WNBA history) and earning the No. 1 overall seed in the 2011 WNBA Playoffs presented by Boost Mobile.

Conference Semifinal matchup between the Lynx and the San Antonio Silver Stars. Earlier this season, Moore became the first rookie to be voted into the All-Star Game as a starter since 2002 (Tamika Catchings and Sue Bird). The honor was also the first time in franchise history that a Lynx player has been voted to start an All-Star Game. As the 2011 Rookie of the Year, Moore will receive \$5,000 and a specially designed trophy by Tiffany & Co.

similar to bluegrass, or reflecting New England, Canadian Maritimes, Irish and Scottish traditions. The Twin Cities group was revived during Pride Week this year at the Minneapolis's Tapestry Folk Dance Center, drawing more than 80 new and returning dancers. Tapestry will be hosting a monthly GLBTQ, Gender-Neutral dance on first Thursdays. You'll meet and dance with countless friends, new and, old; no partner required. All dances are open to all ages and abilities. Wear soft-soled shoes and loose-fitting clothing, prepare for great energy and smiles! For more information visit www.tapestryfolkdance.org.

RADIO K GOT KNOCKED UP

We're happy to introduce
100.7 FM
Now covering all
of TwinCitiesLand 24/7



**REAL COLLEGE RADIO
100.7 FM**



Mayflower United Church of Christ

An Open and
Affirming, Peace
with Justice,
Earthwise
Congregation

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

**Our Mission is to transform individuals into
catalysts for justice through communion with
God, education and action.**

Worship Services
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Christian Education
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM
for Children, Youth, and Adults

Childcare available each Sunday.

106 East Diamond Lake Road
Minneapolis, MN 55419 • (612) 824-0761
MORE ABOUT US @ www.mayflowermpls.org

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2011-2012 Sermon Series:
*Bare-Bones Christianity:
More Questions About Faith*

Who Needs Religion? *Is There a Right Way*
Who Is Welcome? *to Worship?*

Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 & 10:30am
9:15 Education for All Ages
Free Sunday Parking, Orchestra Hall, 11th & Marquette



12th Street & Nicollet Mall,
Downtown Minneapolis
www.ewestminster.org

A Telling Presence in the City ♦ Covenant Network Congregation



THE BIG GAY RACE

to Defeat Discrimination

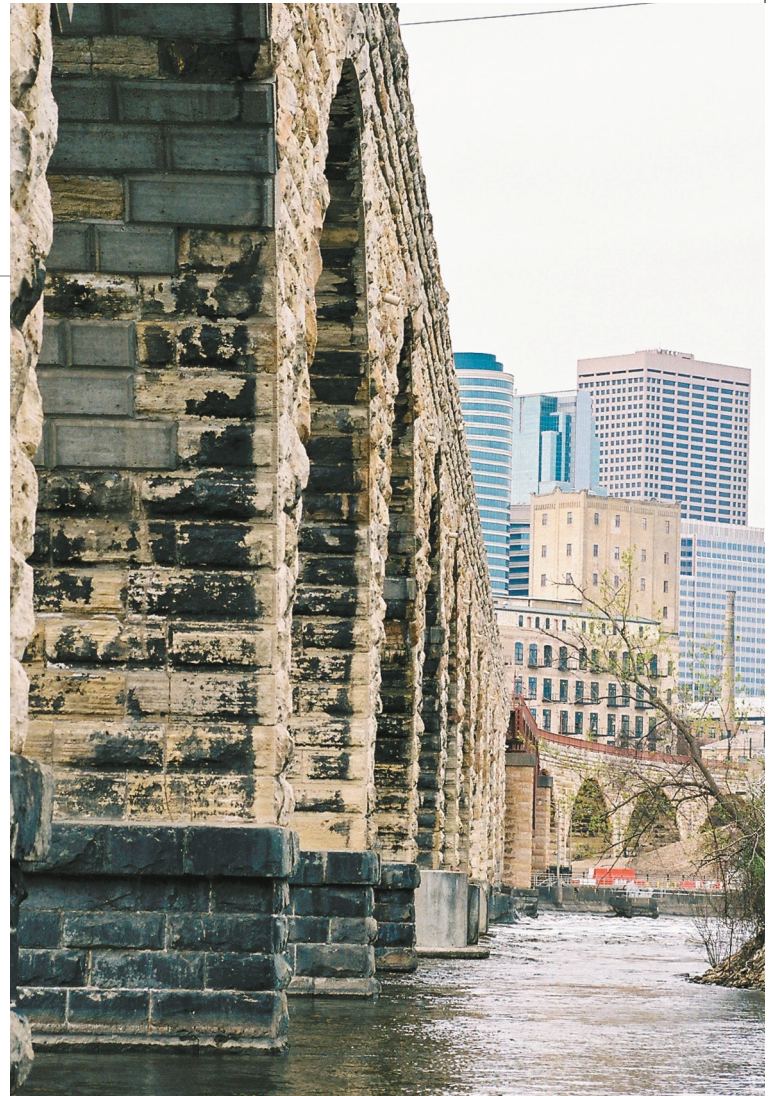


Photo by Sophia Hantzes

It is perhaps appropriate that an event benefiting the effort to defeat a statewide constitutional ban on same-sex marriage is called the Big Gay Race. After all, that's what the next 13 months are. A big gay race to defeat discrimination. It is also appropriate, albeit surprisingly so, that the couple behind the race is neither big nor gay.

The Big Gay Race benefits Minnesotans United for All Families, the organization coordinating the marriage ban defeat effort. The 5K fun run is the brainchild of Jacob and Michelle Frey. Recently married themselves, the former professional runners saw a unique opportunity to lend their support to a cause they felt strongly about. I spoke with Jacob in late September.

My wife and I foresaw this constitutional amendment getting passed in the legislature and started to think, what can we do to be on higher ground from the beginning than the other side. Both of us were professional distance runners, so we thought maybe we can combine the two. So we got the race started.

Asked why he thought a race was a good idea, Jacob also took the opportunity to further explain their support for marriage equality.

The race is really an easy first step. The primary principle that we are standing for is not a difficult one to grasp. It's basically just a question of right and wrong. In Minnesota, we stand for treating others with respect and dignity and we stand for equality in both rights and values. If you believe in those basic tenets, then it's really not a difficult question. You should be able to commit to and love the person that you want to be with for the rest of your life.

Jacob doesn't shy away from the question many, both gay and straight, are likely to ask.

People often ask me or my wife, what do you have invested in this? Neither of us are gay. Neither of our parents are gay. Our siblings aren't gay. What it comes down to is you shouldn't be taking a stance only when it directly affects you. If it's wrong, it's wrong. While equality certainly matters, this is more about commitment and contri-

bution to society. And you can contribute a lot more when you have a teammate."

The Big Gay Race is a race at your own pace. Entrants can walk, jog, run or skip their way along the 5K course, which begins at Wilde Roast on Main St. and continues over the Stone Arch Bridge and along the River Road. Jacob likens it to another event the gay community is more than a little familiar with.

It's basically a parade. It's a parade standing behind love and commitment for all people and to enable all people to be able to make that commitment. That vow of solidarity to one person, I think, is valuable, regardless of what color you are or what sex you are. Whether you like dudes or women, it doesn't really matter.

The Big Gay Race takes place Saturday, October 15th from 9 AM to noon and is open to all. Registration is available online or on race day. All proceeds benefit Minnesotans United for All Families. For more details, visit <http://TheBigGayRace.com> □

Philip Klocksien
Consulting Forester




The Tree Guy

If the question or project involves your yard or woodland, I'M THE EXPERT resource you need.


Expert • Experienced • Credentialed
"Helping home & woodland owners, municipalities, commercial clients for over 30 years."

Let's Talk Trees
651.387.4512
Treeguyphilip@msn.com
Ask me about woodland owner tax benefits.

ISA Arborist (Licensed, Insured)
DNR Tree Inspector
Forest Stewardship Contract Plan Preparer



Tree Protection Project, Inc.
Supporting Diversity In Both
Natural & Human Communities



My future
has no limit.



Here at Hennepin County, we work to weave diversity and inclusion into vital services that meet the wide-ranging needs of area residents.

Hennepin County is an excellent choice for your professional future. Build your career in a stable environment where you feel valued, develop new skills, advance to higher levels and have a direct impact on your community. Hennepin County encourages innovation, support and respect for all employees. As an employee you'll enjoy work/life benefits that few organizations can match, like generous paid time off, on-site health care and fitness classes, lower premiums for single health-care coverage, pre-tax transportation compensation and tuition reimbursement.

Find the position that's best for you and apply online:

www.hennepin.jobs

Strong careers. Strong communities.



Your Game Plan for Fall Fitness.

50% off

the Joiners Fee during the month of October.

+ FREE

one-on-one fitness consultation with a personal trainer.

Every Successful Effort Begins With a Solid Plan.

We offer every new member a Fast Start orientation, a one-on-one fitness consultation with a personal trainer. You tell us your goals and we will tell you how to get there fast and most effectively. And 50% off the Joiners Fee during October is a pretty good start, too.



www.ywcamps.org

**eliminating racism
empowering women** **ywca**
MINNEAPOLIS

Through October 2011, 50% off Joiners Fee, and a Fast Start orientation for all new members. Good on new adult and family memberships, some restrictions apply. Offer ends October 31.





Photos from the 15th anniversary. Photo by Sophia Hantzes

From Closet to Community—Quatrefoil Library Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

WHAT STARTED as two partners' book collection, overflowed their St. Paul condo closet and became the Quatrefoil Library, now celebrating its 25th anniversary. Scott Breyfogle, President of the Board of Directors, spoke recently about Quatrefoil—beginnings, present—and future.

"Dick Hewetston and David Irwin had been gathering GLBT-related books during their 8-year relationship," began Breyfogle. "On Sunday, September 11, 1983, at brunch with four of their friends, they brought up the idea of sharing their collection with the entire GLBT community, and Quatrefoil Library became official within one week."

Named after James Barr's 1950 novel, *Quatrefoil* is the story of a gay male relationship in the 1940s, one of the first books to portray homosexuals in a positive way.

"The Library officially opened to the public on February 4, 1986," continued Breyfogle. "There were 16 Quatrefoil members before the doors ever opened, and the original collection had approximately 1,300 books and six periodical subscriptions."

Today, the Quatrefoil Library has over

400 active members, and houses more than 15,000 GLBT-related books, newsletters, magazines, DVDs (including documentaries, television shows and mainstream movies), CDs, audio books, and full-text databases, with Wi-Fi and public internet access. Quatrefoil received a 2010 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant from the state of Minnesota to preserve its extensive collection of unique magazines and newspapers.

Quatrefoil is now a 501C non-profit, governed by an elected board of directors.

Breyfogle noted that, "While the for the most part, our influence is local, the library is known worldwide for our uniqueness. Will Fellows, author of the recently-published book *Gay Bar*, used material from Quatrefoil to write his book. Will lives out of state, but a friend told him to consult the Quatrefoil Library, and we had the resources he needed."

Breyfogle is justly proud of the solid volunteer foundation of the library, noting, "I think the library has some of the best and most dedicated volunteers around. Quatrefoil operates on a very small budget, and does not have a single paid position on staff.

Our volunteers keep the doors open, from working desk shifts to serving on the board of directors to processing books and DVDs."

The celebratory party, to be held October 16 at Open Book in Minneapolis will, said Breyfogle, "Recognize individuals who are no longer with us and honor those people currently doing outstanding work for the library. Plus, the event will be the official launch of the endowment campaign called *An Eye on the Future* with the goal of raising \$300,000. We are expecting over 300 people.

"Our 25th year is turning out to be a memorable one for the library," Breyfogle enthused. "We were recognized with a Pride Award, featured on the radio show *Fresh Fruit* and local access TV show, *Bi Cities*. Our fundraiser at Pride was incredible. We're launching the endowment, to help with our next twenty-five years."

"The Quatrefoil Library is the best kept secret in the Twin Cities GLBT Community," concluded Breyfogle. "I invite your readers to check us out and become members." □

THE BIG GAY RACE

An event for EVERYONE

All proceeds benefit Minnesotans United and the fight to defeat the anti-marriage amendment

October 15

9 am - Start time
get there early to register!

Start and finish at
St. Anthony Main
65 Main St SE, Mpls

Register: www.thebiggayrace.com

FOLEY & MANSFIELD

Attorneys At Law

WILDE ROAST
CAFE

Interested in sponsorship?
Contact jfrev@faegre.com

Minnesotans United for All Families
www.mnunitd.org
651-330-6852

Join LAVENDER Magazine and

**MINNESOTANS
UNITED**
for ALL FAMILIES

**WALK RUN and STROLL for
MARRIAGE**



1625 west end boulevard • the shops at west end
(763) 515.1177 • st. louis park - minneapolis

MOVIEGOING REDEFINED

JOIN NOW AND
PREPARE FOR SOMETHING



- access to exclusive member-only screenings
CHECK YOUR E-MAIL FOR MEMBER-ONLY TICKETING
- \$6 movies with card
PREMIUM EXPERIENCE SURCHARGE APPLIES FOR 3D
- free vip upgrades
MONDAY - THURSDAY ONLY, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS
- and much, much more!

BECOME A MEMBER
ONLINE FOR FREE AT
SHOWPLACEICON.COM
& PICK UP YOUR CARD
ON YOUR NEXT VISIT!

UPCOMINGEVENTS



OCTOBER 9

OCTOBER 18

OCTOBER 22

INTRODUCING ...

\$5 MATINEES
monday - thursday | all shows before 5:55pm
VP & 3D SURCHARGES APPLY



The Metropolitan Opera

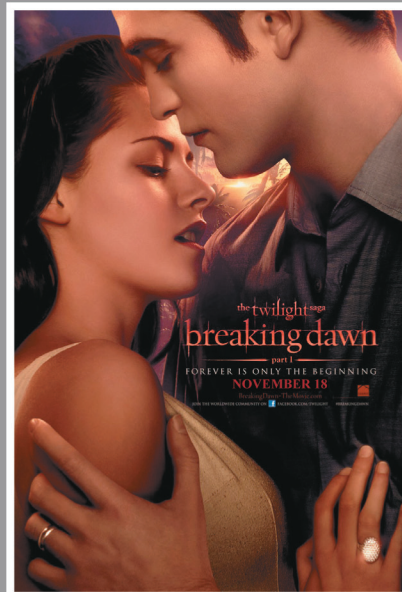
2011-12 SEASON ON SALE NOW

OCTOBER 15 Donzetti's *Anna Bolena*
OCTOBER 29 Mozart's *Don Giovanni*
NOVEMBER 5 Wagner's *Siegfried*
NOVEMBER 19 Glass's *Satyagraha*
DECEMBER 3 Handel's *Rodelinda*
DECEMBER 10 Gounod's *Faust*

JANUARY 21 *The Enchanted Island*
FEBRUARY 11 Wagner's *Götterdämmerung*
FEBRUARY 25 Verdi's *Emani*
APRIL 7 Massenet's *Manon*
APRIL 14 Verdi's *La Traviata*

PURCHASE YOUR 2011-12 SEASON TICKETS NOW. ENCORE PERFORMANCES ALSO AVAILABLE.

ADVANCETICKETS



PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

use your icon gift cards online to
pre-order your tickets & choose your
seats now at showplaceicon.com

MOVIEGOING REDEFINED




INTERVIEW WITH INTERIOR DESIGNER



ALESSANDRO MUNGE

by Andy Lien

The architectural jewel of downtown Minneapolis, The Foshay Tower, just celebrated its Third Anniversary since being re-developed and renovated from an office building to a luxury hotel, W Minneapolis – The Foshay.



A Welcoming Church Community
**CALVARY LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

In the City For Good
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15AM

3901 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis
www.clchurch.org

FREE! of the **Free!**

The Phantom of the Opera



**7 PM
Friday
October 28**

HennepinChurch.org ...
511 Groveland Ave. Minneapolis
Silent Movie Night Returns!

> MUNGE

Now housing two of the hottest spots in town, The Living Room and Prohibition, as well hotel rooms and Manny's Steak House, the jewel shines brighter than before, with a proper nod to its history as well as a firm grip on what is chic and sexy to the people of Minneapolis. In town to celebrate the anniversary was its designer, Alessandro Munge, of the internationally acclaimed design firm Munge Leung out of Toronto.

Architecture as art. Art as architecture. Looking around us as we sat and talked about the property, it was clear that Munge had an eye on more than décor. An important distinction that is oft overlooked in the design industry is the difference between interior decorating and interior design, the latter of the two requiring architecture as a component, which was certainly necessary when taking an office building in an obelisk shape and turning it into a 230-room hotel. Some of the spaces, such as the lobby, required excavation to find the hidden beauty. Other spaces, such as The Living Room, were gutted to offer a clean canvas. Then, still, some of the spaces offered great architectural and structural challenges in taking the constraints of an old building and requiring the new elements to be worked in as they could—something that makes this the most challenging project in Munge's portfolio to date.

Alessandro Munge is a stylish gentleman with warm eyes and an easy smile, sometimes slipping into a wry grin. His gestures swept to encompass everything he had an eye and hand in choosing—from the fabrics to the metalwork to the space planning to the furniture design. He laughed with owner Ralph Burnet about their visits to China when working to see his furniture concepts come to fruition, recalling quite the international adventures. It was a pleasure to hear him speak of his work—most everything that is experienced at the W Minneapolis – The Foshay is something that came from the mind and drawing boards of this debonair man.

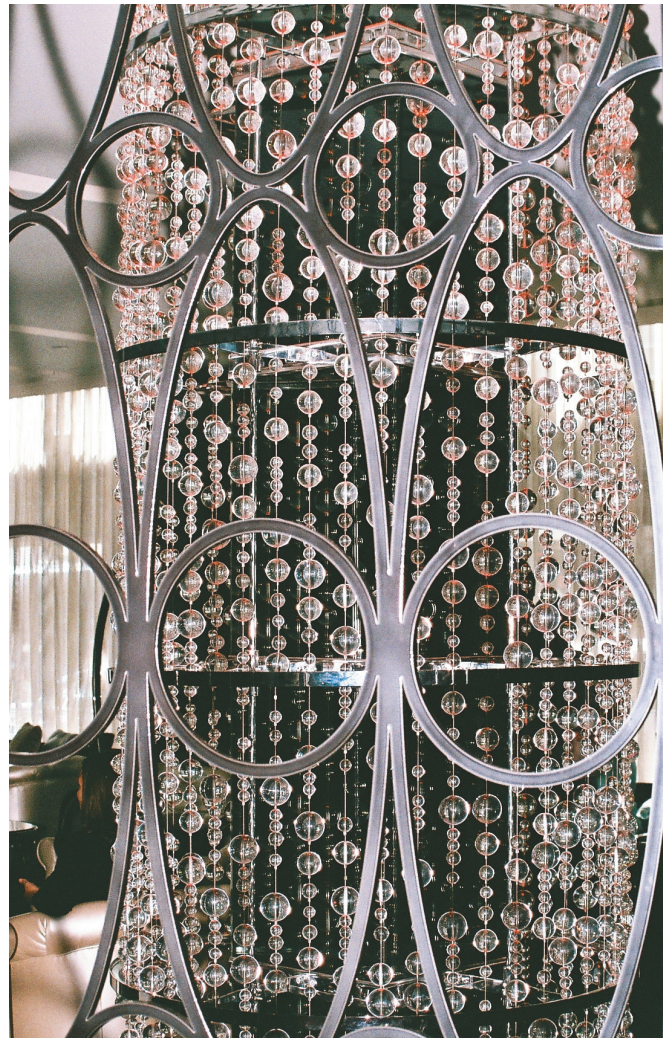
Designing for the W Minneapolis - The Foshay.

How did we approach this design? I think that's an important question. When we design a hotel, what we have to have in mind is the brand. And where is the brand going to live. When we think about the W in The Foshay, we thought, "Oh, well, we have to keep the brand dynamic as it is, historically, people know about it. And we also need to pay respect to the building. This is an iconic piece of architecture that exists here. It came about in 1929, there aren't a lot of buildings like this in the world and this one is one of the stand-out, unique ones. So, the Historical Society also ensured that we were preserving anything historical, that had meaning, so we were sensitive to that. I kind of liked that approach. I always find in design that it's sort of easy to destroy history...and much more difficult to preserve it.

Then we started to draw inspiration for these historical elements in here. Those, combined with sort of the "W Factor" and the glam of the decade—the 1920s, the Roaring '20s with the flappers and the fashion and the speakeasy feel—there should be hints of that throughout the property. And you see it. You see all sorts of little hints of it around. You'll notice that there are little pearl-like, little crystal-like accents all around—there is fabric on the columns—this is no accident. When we started doing our research we saw the impact of fashion at the time. How women would dress themselves and men would dress themselves, jewelry was a big part of it. Women would keep things young and fresh, reflective and tight...and had this fantastic jewelry draped



Lingerie-inspired lamp. Photo by Sophia Hantzes



Making the elemental sexy: glass and ornamental metal in The Living Room. Photos by Sophia Hantzes

around them. So we looked at that and asked how we could draw that inspiration throughout the space. Even little things like the revealing lights there, it's a little like...lingerie...right? So there is a bit of sex appeal to it which, again, ties into the brand.

People in hotels, people in spaces, people in homes.

We only do about one or two private residential projects a year in our firm. We interview them as they interview us—there has to be a mesh between us as the designer and the client. It has to be a collaboration. The reason is because I can do five hotels but one residential project in the same time because they take a lot more time. It should take more time. It's a home that belongs to someone who uses it as an end user. A hotel is used by many people going in and out, but a home is private. It's custom to each user. The space should be personalized. People have it within them to at least personalize their spaces. I love studying the psychology of interior design. Why are people feeling a certain way in a space? That will determine how they're going to use the space. Here (in the Living Room bar at the W), this is a bar, a club.

People are always trying to change the mood. The minute the drapes come down, the lights go down, the colors will change, the lighting will change, the textures will change, and—with a couple of cocktails—the people will change. When they're in that environment, they're in that mood—great things come.

Designing for an audience, whether hotel or home.

What does a guest at the W expect? You're going to stay at a W for a reason. You know there's going to be a good time. You look around and you see there's a bar. There's booze. There are reflective surfaces. There is pop. This space is set up for a good time which is definitely applicable to residential. It is important to the readers who are interested in residential design to know that it's okay to be a little sexy in residential. You can be sexy in residential. If you are going to entertain—because that's what you do—well then why not make it in an environment that's going to be sexy?

Indeed. ▣

MARTHA O'HARA INTERIORS

INTERIOR DESIGN • HOME FURNISHINGS



Photo by Susan Gilmore.

VISIT US AT OUR NEW STUDIO

9950 Wayzata Boulevard, Minneapolis

952.908.3150

www.oharainteriors.com

LAVENDER'S GLAM GUIDE

Glamour isn't just for when we hit the town—it's time to dress up your house with glam and glitz. Here are our top picks for GOING GLAM.

by Andy Lien

1. Ritzy Refrigeration

What if a refrigerator didn't have to look like a refrigerator? Customize your kitchen or wet bar in countless new ways. This slim line, 27-inch wide refrigerator can be paired with the Integrated Column freezer unit or other integrated products from Sub-Zero. Accepts custom wood panels or stainless steel panels to look like your ab-fab décor.

Price: Speak to a Trade Professional or visit the Showroom

Supplier: Roth Distributing in Minnetonka
www.RothDistributing.com

Photo Courtesy of Roth Distributing from Sub-Zero Wolf Media Collective.



2. Head Banger's Ball

What better place to glamorize your home than the room that is your most personal? Mirrored finishes, faux fur textures, rich patterns, a statement-making bed and a healthy love of all things Christopher Guy ups the nocturnal glam quotient of this bedroom. A sumptuous interior was the only possible result. Headboard, side tables, ottoman and bench by Christopher Guy. Lamps by Visual Comfort. Bedding by Designer Guild.

Price: Speak to a Martha O'Hara Professional

Firm: Martha O'Hara Interiors in Minneapolis

www.oharainteriors.com

Photo by Troy Thies



Photo Courtesy of Cartier Lighting

3. Luxe Lighting

The Mignon Chandelier is inspired by Royal Street in the French Quarter. This elegant chandelier combines regency-era glam finishes of silver and gold reminiscent of a time gone by. Elegant crystal teardrops, star details, and silver rings dress this chandelier in modern luxury.

Price: \$746.00

Supplier: Cartier Lighting in Plymouth
www.CartierLighting.com

4. Art Nouveau Marble and Animalistic Mosaics

artistic.musee.horta: Horta marble mosaic, from the Musee Collection, blends gorgeous Italian marble into Art Nouveau inspired patterns for floor or wall applications.

Price: \$100/sq. ft.

Zebra Rug: Natural, hand-cut Italian Marble, fashioned by hand into a custom-designed zebra rug by American artisans in Virginia.

Price: Ask a Fantasia design professional

Supplier: Exclusive to Fantasia Showrooms in Minneapolis

www.fantasiashowrooms.com



Photos Courtesy of Fantasia Showrooms

5. A Night-In Nightclub

A night at the club with friends doesn't have to include several trips to the ATM. With an at-home entertainment area, fashioned with a well-stocked bar, you can transform a dark and drab lower level into your favorite nightspot. Descend into this Nightclub of a basement and you'll want to stay until closing. The fully functional chic bar features custom cabinetry, Nocturnal maple floors, Silestone Grey Amazon counters, and Lestello Sfalato backplash tile. With all your favorite ingredients right at your fingertips, you can play bartender and host to all your guests.

Price: Speak to a Vujovich Professional

Firm: Vujovich Design Build, Inc. in Minneapolis
www.vujovich.com

Photo Courtesy of Vujovich design Build, Inc.

Photo by Susan Gilmore

6. Embroidered Boudoir

This modern French boudoir is a quietly glamorous retreat. A traditional French caned bed with hand carved detail is the height of luxury. It is paired with embroidered silk pillow shams, cartouche motifs, and crystal, which add to the rich layering in this master suite. The warm, saturated colors speak to a high-end feel and allow the occupant to feel pampered. True glamour is expressed by the clean-lined settee upholstered in embroidered silk velvet.

Cost: Speak to Lulu Design Professional

Supplier: LiLu Interiors

www.liluinterior.com



6

7. Substantial Glam

Take any room from dull to dramatic with a stone accent wall. Available in a variety of colors and styles, stone puts an exclamation point on interior design. For the eco-minded, stone is a sustainable material and regionally quarried. Brown, tan and grey shades are very popular right now; also available are more distinctive options of ivory and charcoal, plus blends that draw on green, lavender and rose hues.

Cost: Manufactured Stone is approx. \$15/sq. ft. Natural Stone is approx. \$20-\$25/sq. ft.

Supplier: Hedberg Landscape & Masonry Supplies in Plymouth (open to public)

www.hedbergrocks.com



7

Photos Courtesy of Trompe Decorative Finishes



8

8. Exoteric Art

Glamour right now is hot in ways it's never been before in the interior design industry. The notion of what is glam is going more exoteric; meaning the masses now have as much access to glamour items as the well-to-do have had in the past.

Custom Glass Beaded Wall Finishes: Instead of glass-bead wallpaper, glass bead finishes applied directly to your walls are so very hot right now. Price points start at half the cost of glass bead wallpaper but with more colour choices and an infinitum amount of patterns.

Custom Glass Mirrors: Mod-Regency Glam for your surroundings, the finishes are applied directly to the mirrored surfaces. Old world, or modern—your art will enhance its surroundings.

Cost: Speak to a Trompe Professional
Artisan: Trompe Decorative Finishes in Minneapolis
www.TrompeArt.com



Photo by Eldorado Stone.

7

GET YOUR OWN GLAM

Vujovich Design • Build

FOR MORE THAN 30 years Vujovich (Voy-o-vich) has been building and remodeling unique homes throughout the Twin Cities. With a reputation for creating award-winning projects that showcase creativity, craftsmanship and customer service, Vujovich's mission is to create the greatest value possible within everything they do.

Vujovich combines local designers and architects with well-seasoned project managers, artisans, and craftspeople, to create results well beyond the standards of the industry. Vujovich's energized and diverse culture has attracted some of the Twin Cities' most talented people –not because of money- but because they want to work for a company that truly cares about the quality of their product and their clients' experience.

Through their Valley Division (Afton, MN) and Lakes Division (International Market Square, Minneapolis), Vujovich designs and builds projects ranging from simple repairs to the complete transformations of period homes, as well as the creation of sophisticated custom new homes. Since most people see Vujovich as a high-service company doing larger projects, few people know that our average remodeling project is around \$80,000.

We are not selling a single project or product. We create long-term relationships with our clients, becoming a lifelong resource. As one of the longest-standing design build firms in the Twin Cites, clients can be assured that Vujovich will meet their needs well into the future.



Vujovich Design • Build - IMS Design Center
275 Market Street, Suite 521, Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.338.2020 • www.vujovich.com

GET YOUR OWN GLAM

Designer Marketplace

Furniture • Rugs • Home Accessories

FOR OVER EIGHT years, Designer Marketplace has been the Twin Cities' number one source for high end designer furniture and rugs, at drastically reduced clearance prices. Our inventory consists of factory closeouts, discontinued items, and floor samples direct from manufactures and designers at International Market Square. Everything in the store has been discounted fifty to seventy percent below the original retail price, so it's easy to find really amazing deals on top-quality furniture and accessories.

We carry a wide variety of styles to suit any decorating scheme. We have elegant traditional furniture, gorgeous high-end transitional collections, and even a great selection of very eclectic contemporary pieces that you definitely cannot find anywhere else. In addition, we have the best selection of fine hand-made wool rugs in Minnesota, and a diverse variety of accessories and decorative items

We recently facilitated the staging of a gorgeous three-bedroom penthouse at Sexton Lofts in downtown Minneapolis, which has helped create quite a bit of buzz for us in the Twin Cities design scene. We are very pleased with the tremendously positive response we've gotten, and we intend to continue this trend of providing high-end designer brand furniture at rock-bottom close-out prices.

Anyone looking to furnish their home with elegance and class, without breaking the bank, should definitely take the time to visit our spacious showroom in downtown Minneapolis, just a block east of International Market Square. We are constantly receiving new inventory, so be sure to check in with us often. See you soon!



SPECIAL SPONSORED SECTION



Designer Marketplace

160 Glenwood Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.381.8508 • www.designermarketplacemn.com



GET YOUR OWN GLAM

House Lift Remodeler Home Improvement

SINCE OUR BEGINNING as a small home improvement firm in 1991, House Lift has earned an enviable reputation for quality construction, customer service, and trust. Today, we can update your kitchen, bath, basement or attic, replace windows or doors, build an addition, or remodel your entire house. A House Lift project features top-quality materials, an energy-efficient design, and all the latest amenities to meet your discriminating tastes.

Our approach to all the projects we undertake is one of partnership with each client. The cornerstone of this partnership is effective communication and a detailed outline of the work that will be done every step of the way. Our sales/design consultants are trained to specifically communicate your needs to our planners, project managers, carpenters, and skilled craftsmen – all of whom have the expertise to meet your needs at a highly competitive rate. House Lift is known for delivering work that makes sense for both you, and your home.

House Lift is a member of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI), the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA), and the Better Business Bureau (BBB). We invite you to call House Lift and let us help you turn your remodeling dreams into reality. Allow us the opportunity to show you why we truly are the remodeler you can trust.



House Lift Remodeler

4330 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409

612.821.1100 • www.houseliftinc.com

GET YOUR OWN GLAM

Fantasia Showrooms Tile, Stone, Plumbing

WALK RIGHT IN to Fantasia Showrooms, located on the main floor of IMS Design Center right across from the downtown Minneapolis Farmers' Market.

As a Minnesota family-owned business for 31 years, Fantasia has helped homeowners and design/build professionals make their remodel or building project easy and exceptional.

At Fantasia, you will find luxurious and unique products such as one-of-a-kind handmade mosaic backsplashes, Swarovski Crystal-inlaid faucets or artisan-built bathroom vanities created to your exact specifications and needs. You will also find competitively priced tile, stone and plumbing to fit any budget.

Looking for green and sustainable products or ideas for aging in place? Want that perfect look for your second home or lake cabin? We can help you! Call or email anytime to make an appointment for a free tile or plumbing consultation.

Our mission is to bring great design into your home, while offering products and service that go well beyond your expectations.

Fantasia Showrooms – WALK RIGHT IN!



SPECIAL SPONSORED SECTION



Fantasia Showrooms - IMS Design Center
275 Market Street, Suite 102, Minneapolis, MN 55405
612.338.5811 • www.fantasiashowrooms.com



Photo by Jennifer Frederick Terrell

**“LET’S HAVE
ANOTHER CUP OF
COFFEE.
LET’S
HAVE
ANOTHER
PIECE OF
PIE.”**

The title refers to a song by Irving Berlin appearing in the musical comedy *Face the Music*, which opened in 1932 on Broadway. The song was sung by a group of once-wealthy citizens who were looking ahead to better times. Sounds familiar? Well I was recently invited to compete in a food challenge demonstrating that shoppers can still get a lot of bang for their buck. Thanks to pie, I believe it can be done.

Twin Cities Live airs weekday afternoons in the Twin Cities and I’ve been a regular on the show almost from the very beginning. A couple years ago the production team created a food challenge for the show where the winner would receive a coveted “Golden Whisk”—a kitchen whisk spray painted gold and glued to a piece of wood. It’s since been updated with



Photos by Jennifer Frederick Terrell

a new higher quality whisk and permanently fastened with gold glitter added. I won the Golden Whisk two challenges in a row for my Crock Pot Apple Pie and Mom's Cheesy Potatoes.

Cub Foods, one of the sponsors for *Twin Cities Live* recently held a contest where the winner would receive free groceries for one year. All they had to do is enter their recipes creating as many meals or as much food for as many people as possible for \$20.00 or under. *Twin Cities Live* decided to offer this same challenge to five of their favorite chefs awarding the Golden Whisk along with a \$100.00 gift card to Cub Foods. We were each given a \$20.00 gift card and on with the challenge.

It took me days to figure out my angle. At first I wanted to try to make three meals a day for an entire week but I ran over budget on day two. Next was a recipe I brought back from Italy for Venetian Lasagna that is out of this world. I thought maybe I could make it for 40 or 50 people however a regular 13-inch by 9-inch baking dish costs about \$25.00 dollars for ingredients like Italian pancetta, a good quality red wine, and ground meat and Italian sausage.

One day I was taking a break from my work and tuned into *Twin Cities Live*. Hosts

John Hanson and Elizabeth Ries announced that "John Michael Lerma-The Pie Guy" would be joining the challenge. I've been called that forever and love it; I'm the "Pie Guy" even if I'm preparing pork tenderloin. But, a light bulb went off in my head and I decided to prepare pies for \$20.00 or under.

I created a list and finally chose my Vidalia Onion Pie as the vegetable, Leftover Poultry Pie as the entrée, and Grandma's Apple Pie for dessert. Each pie would feed up to 10 people and/or provide delectable leftovers.

The shopping proved to be the most difficult task of the challenge. I shared this with John and Elizabeth on live television and added that this challenge was harder than a Food Network Challenge, a couple years previous, during which I won a Food Network medal.


I prepared my own pie crusts which was allowed as flour, salt, butter, are regular staples most kitchen have stocked. My groceries included a 3 pound bag of apples, onions, frozen vegetables, and my one "luxury" item—a rotisserie chicken for the Leftover Poultry Pie.

On my way to the cashier, I stopped and picked up a packet of Pink Lemonade Kool-Aid. I thought about my presentation on

television with pie wedges plated and served with glasses of pink lemonade. I had about .49 cents left on my budget and Kool-Aid was only .25 cents.

At the check-out counter my grand total came to \$20.03. I was over by .03 cents! It was brought to my attention that since the chicken had been prepared on site—*rotisserie*—it was a taxed item. I was charged .46 cents tax. I handed the packet of Kool-Aid to the cashier and asked to have it voided while everyone in line behind me shifted weight to the other foot.

Later, as I was shredding up the chicken meat for my pie filling, I remembered playing Monopoly and questioning what a Luxury Tax was, that little box between Boardwalk and Park Place. Now I knew a .46 cents tax on a damn rotisserie chicken that was going into a pie. Talk about depressing, that is...until I lost the challenge and tied for last place.

For the recipes, go online to LavenderMagazine.com. 

John Michael Lerma is a local chef, author, "lifestyle guru" and Food Network personality. His company Garden County Cooking offers cookbooks, cooking classes, consulting, private/corporate events, and culinary vacations to Tuscany, Italy. He also teaches food writing at The Loft Literary Center. www.GardenCountyCooking.com

DOWNTOWN RESOURCE GROUP

"IF YOU blow out your knee, are you going to go to a generalist, or a specialist who just works on knees?" asks Joe Grunnet, owner of Downtown Resource Group. "We feel you're going to work with someone who is solely focused on knees. You may pay more, but you get more experience and better knowledge," he concludes. He applies that same analogy quite neatly to the field of real estate, focusing his business on representing buyers, sellers and renters within urban Minneapolis.

For his buyers, that singular focus translates much better to their overall investment in a property than it would if they were working with a seller out of, say, Maple Grove, or even searching online listings on their own. "You can search all day long on the web and find homes to look at; you can even contact the seller. But why not have a group that represents you, who knows everything about that building, where it's been, and where it's going to? Who knows everything about the neighborhood, what people are saying when they're moving into that building, and what they're saying when they're moving out? I think that's worth a lot," Grunnet explains.

His sellers seem to benefit from his business model as well, even in today's sobering market. According to the Minnesota Association of Realtors' Housing Report of May, 2011, closed sales were down 15.9%, median prices were down 9.2%, and the number of days the average property remains on the market was up 17.5%. Grunnet's buy/sell business, however, is up 30% from last year.

Downtown Resource Group is not aiming to necessarily be the cheapest real estate firm around, but it is aiming to be the very best at what it does. For Grunnet, that means that even within his company, his team is just as focused as his company's geography. The leasing division, for example, is only there to work with renters; the rental management division only handles rental management. For more of a taste of the company's culture, browse their online magazine at www.south-of-canada.com. An unabashed ode to downtown living, the site is also a good way to find out about upcoming Downtown Resource Group events.

If you are looking to buy, lease or sell property in downtown Minneapolis, call, click, or visit Downtown Resource Group's office at 700 Washington Ave N #101. "We just want to have an opportunity to earn their business," states Grunnet.

Name of Company: Downtown Resource Group

Year Founded: 2007

President/CEO: Joe Grunnet

Number of Employees: 5 staff, 13 agents

Phone and Website: 763-442-4639; www.drgmpls.com



Dave's **LENNOX**

Heating & Air Conditioning

With weather in Minnesota, you just never know... whether it's -30° in July or 120° in December, we've got the services you need.

Serving the Twin Cities Metro Area
(763) 781-6901

Reliable • Friendly Professional

Dave's Lennox **PREMIER DEALER** **LENNOX**

Find us on Facebook

facebook.com/davesheatingandairconditioning



tlee
t lee fine designer jewelry

The union of recycled metals to fair trade gemstones brings the high ideals of socially conscious jewelry to our work.

All pieces are hand made by our expert jewelers and are constructed using reclaimed and re-refined gold, platinum, and palladium.

Designer jewelry that is powerful and rare.
Hip but not trendy
Sophisticated yet friendly
Luxury without pretense

(612) 789-2656

www.tleegold.com

18 University Ave NE
Minneapolis MN 55413

GLBT News & Lifestyle at your fingertips?


APPsolutely!™

You can now find LAVENDER® Magazine on the App Store.
LAVENDER® Magazine works with iPad™.



Apple, the Apple logo, iPhone, iPod touch, and iTunes are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the U.S. and other countries. iPad is a trademark of Apple Inc. App Store is a service mark of Apple Inc.

LAVENDER'S
Nights
at the Theater



**Beyond the Rainbow:
Garland at Carnegie Hall**

October 13th • 8:00 pm

Reception: 7:00 PM
History Theatre
30 E. 10th St., St. Paul, MN

Tickets: (651) 292-4323
historytheatre.com

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU'RE SICK TO GET WELL.



Find the plan that's right for you
at bluecrossmn.com.

Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota is a nonprofit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.



Beyond the Mum

MOTHER NATURE and Jack Frost utilize October's crisp, cool nights and shorter days to create an amazing array of autumn colors unique for the season. The leaves of fall seem to get most of the attention, but be sure to enjoy the colorful fruits and stems that the seasonal flora offer. Get out and appreciate the display while it lasts. We sometimes take for granted how incredibly lucky we are to have the opportunity to enjoy some of the best displays of fall color in the world—right here in the upper Midwest.

Spice up your outdoor containers and window boxes at this time of year to reflect the season. Summer combinations have served us well, but are probably looking a bit tired and are ready to take a funeral procession to the compost pile. Minnesotans often resort to the old standby, the Chrysanthemum (aka mum), to fill this awkward gap between summer and winter. Nothing against mums, but they seem to be everywhere. Why not try something new? Nowadays, we have countless options to choose from. Replace summer displays with cold tolerant kales, pansies, grasses, euphorbia, heuchera, and sedums to name a few. Colorful stems, gourds, and interesting fruits like bittersweet and rose hips add additional moxie. Heirloom pumpkins and squash are visually delightful and make great focal points, but are equally beautiful when reused in the kitchen later on. Spray pumpkins, squash and gourds with repellants such as Liquid Fence or Plantskydd to prevent them from becoming fodder for the squirrels.

Bring the best of the season indoors for even more enjoyment. These shorter days (and longer nights) warrant a great display of bittersweet and fall gourds on the mantle, or a great arrangement of locally produced fruits on the sideboard. Infuse the house with the scents and comforting tastes of a mulled cider, a hearty stew, or freshly baked apple pie – and of course the first fires of the season.

They say that bulb planters are the optimists of the world – invest some energy into future beauty now. Be ready for the next seasons by starting Amaryllis bulbs for holiday and winter enjoyment and get the last of your fall bulbs in the ground for spring.

A few other tips: Save time in spring by cleaning up much of the garden now. Minimize winter injury to conifers by keeping them well watered up until the ground freezes and applying Wilt Pruf on a warm day in October. Wrap young deciduous trees with plastic tree wrap to prevent winter rodent damage and sunscald. Make notes for future gardening endeavors while your thoughts are fresh in your mind. ▢

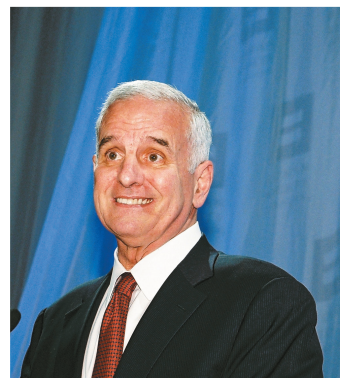
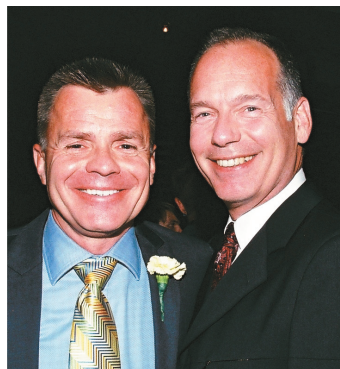
Scott Endres is co-owner of Tangletoon Gardens and the Wise Acre Eatery on 54th and Nicollet in South Minneapolis.

Photos Courtesy of Tangletoon Gardens



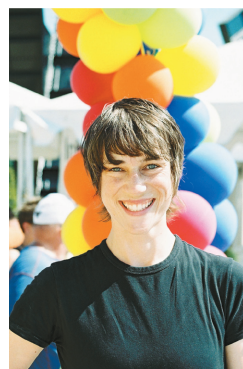
HRC GALA

SEPTEMBER 10



MANKATO PRIDE

SEPTEMBER 10



TRANS HEALTH FAIR

SEPTEMBER 11





Dear Ms. Behavior:

How do you get closure with someone who won't reciprocate anything more than a Facebook comment?

I should provide a little more context: We're both in the Army and we're stationed overseas. I know that Billy just got out of a bad relationship with an alcoholic, and in fact he broke up after he met me, which should give some indication of how recent this was. Even though I should have anticipated difficulties based on this alone, I've been completely crazy about him ever since I talked to him and found out he was gay. We spent a couple of nights together without doing anything wild, and he told me pretty straightforwardly that he just needed companionship and nothing more. But then he started avoiding me - I haven't been able to get him to have dinner with me or even talk to me in person. This was around a month ago, and I've spent that time trying everything I can think of to accept that there's nothing for me here.

I could give a hundred reasons why pursuing him is inadvisable and would never work, but I could give a thousand more why I don't care and why he's everything I could ever want in a man, emotionally, physically, and beyond.

Even though I know this probably just means he isn't interested or ready for another relationship, I feel like I'm stuck in limbo waiting for him to tell me yes or no. And I

know that the healthiest thing I can do right now is move on, but I just can't seem to get an answer from him, one way or the other, and I haven't been able to stop thinking about him. So I come back to my question above: How do you get closure with someone who won't talk to you?

- LOST ROMANTIC

Dear Lost Romantic:

So here's what happened with your would-be military romance: You asked. He told. And now your head is messed up.

You say you're waiting for an answer from Billy, but he's already given you one: No. You've listed all the evidence for why you shouldn't pursue him, but it hasn't sunk in. Maybe it will be easier for you to see that you're banging your afore-mentioned head against the wall if the facts are repeated back to you:

1) He told you "straightforwardly" that he needs companionship and nothing more. (Ding ding ding. Why is it so hard to believe what someone explicitly says about himself? If Billy says he doesn't want a boyfriend, your fantasy doesn't matter.)

2) He has avoided you for a month. He won't have dinner with you. He won't talk to you in person. (Hello? Stalker, is that you?)

3) You say you could give a hundred reasons why pursuing him is inadvisable and would never work. (Why not write down

your hundred reasons and then read the list aloud at least twice daily? Perhaps in front of the mirror. Watch those lips move. Read what they're saying.)

4) After all of this, you say know he "probably" isn't interested or ready for a relationship. (Have you asked yourself what would convince you that he's definitely not interested? Perhaps a rock through your window? A boulder?)

5) He just got out of a relationship with an alcoholic. (Hmm. If you're assuming he'll have residual damage, in addition to whatever issues initially attracted him to his alcoholic ex, you're correct.)

6) You say you know the healthiest thing you can do right now is to move on. (Right on. So get moving, Soldier.)

The bottom line is that you're not actually in limbo. You already knew the answer to your question before you even asked it; now you need to believe it. The good news is that you took the action to confirm what you already suspected, and despite all of your denial, you actually sought help. Yay. Now all you need to do is unhook yourself from the little web you've been weaving.

And remember this: You can't count on getting closure from something another person says or does. More often than not, closer actually comes from within. ■

TROLIN, UN DIABLITO ROSA

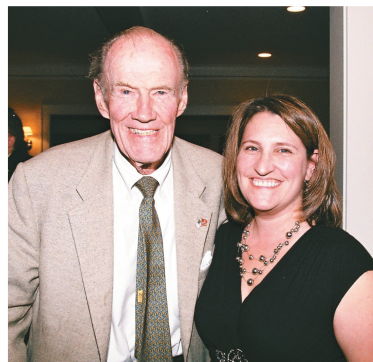


Not everyone has seated on the biggest one!

POR RODRO

PROJECT 515 FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 14





Wanda's Cheap & Easy Costume Contest!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the mask.
2. Put it on your face.
3. Snap a crazy picture of yourself.
4. Make sure it's a high-quality picture—NO CAMERA PHONES—so we can use it in print!
5. Send your pics to Wanda on Facebook or email wanda@lavendermagazine.com.
6. The best pic wins a fabulous prize from Wanda herself!

Enter as many pics as you like. By submitting a pic, you allow us to use it online and in the magazine.

THE NETWORK

ACCOUNTING & BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

 **Silvernale**
Accounting Services
Taxes • Payroll • Accounting

John Silvernale
612-280-5463
info@silvernaleaccounting.com
www.silvernaleaccounting.com


 **ROR**
Tax Professionals

4500 Park Glen Rd.
Suite 425
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
p 612-822-7177
f 612-822-2163
RORTax.com

ATTORNEYS

BANKRUPTCY
Say Hello to
Financial Freedom

CAZALES LAW LLC
(612) 483-1320
Free Consultation
www.cazaleslaw.com



AUTOMOTIVE



**Your full service Auto Shop where
Honest Quotes + Quality Service = Loyal Customers**

1200 Glenwood Avenue
Minneapolis, MN Tel: 612-377-4900
(Convenient location near International Market Square)
www.northwesterntire.net

 **HAGEN'S AUTO BODY**

**Family owned and
operated for over
60 years!**

Full service for all makes and models
Free Estimates
Insurance Approved
www.hagensautobody.com
28th & Lyndale Ave S, MPLS
(612) 872-6671

BARBERS

 **Barbers
on
Bryant**

A New Fashioned Barbershop
2920 Bryant Ave S #105 • Minneapolis

BarbersOnBryant.com

Appointments
Recommended

Audie: 612.203.1880



BEAUTY & RELAXATION

HOT & TIGHT

Body Wraps
\$49.99
(a \$87.00 value)


*Lose 4 - 14 inches!

Don't worry boys, these
are the good inches to lose!

 **flourish**
skincare, bodycare, wellness.

763.273.4115
facebook.com/flourishwellnessspa

COACHING

 **BE COMPLETE AMERICA**
Create Your Life...
Instead of Having Your Life Create You

Robben Salyers, ELI-MP
Excellence in Personal & Professional Development

612-396-3573
becompleteamerica.com

EMPLOYMENT

**EXPERIENCED
ADVERTISING ACCOUNT
EXECUTIVE WANTED**

Work as a print and/or online
Advertising Account Executive
for Lavender Media, leaders
in GLBT marketing and events.
**Send your cover letter
and resume to:**
barry@lavendermagazine.com
No phone calls please.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Endgame Fitness
*Lets' create the body that you have
always wanted!*

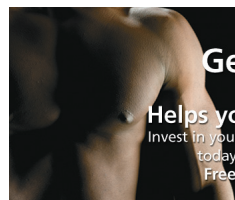
Personal Trainer
B.S. Kinesiology Exercise Science
ACSM Certified

MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL AREA
218-259-5894 • www.endgamefitness.net



**Get Hard....
Get-Real-Fitness**

Helps you get ROCK HARD!
Invest in your Personalized Training Routine
today and get the body you deserve.
Free Consultation: 952-486-3344
www.Get-Real-Fitness.com



HOME SERVICES

 **SOS
HOMECARE**

**RESTORATION • RENOVATION
MAINTENANCE • REPAIR**

CARPENTRY • KITCHENS • TILING • PLASTERING
BATHROOM • CONCRETE • DECKS • PATIOS
FREE ESTIMATES

Your Complete Professional HomeCare Company
SOSHOMECAREMN.COM

TODD OR LEE
612-374-3222
MN LIC#BC-20270903



Since 1998
Service, Integrity, Quality

 **Craftsman's
Choice
Inc.**

Siding
Roofing • Windows • Decks

North Metro 763.856.1390
South Metro 952.884.2005

Financing Available • Free Estimates
MN General Contractor • MN License #20384780

 **SODERLIN**
612-721-4080 SINCE 1914
PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR

Serving the entire Twin Cities Area
Emergency Service Available

WWW.SODERLIN.COM
3612 Cedar Avenue South Minneapolis MN 55407
Licensed, Bonded & Insured LICENSE #M1764#M359

HOME SERVICES

PPC
PERSONAL PRIDE
CONSTRUCTION

Roofing, Siding, Remodels,
Additions, Kitchens,
Bathrooms, More

Offering you our PERSONAL best for the PRIDE of your home.
www.personalprideconstruction.com
Tom Spears 612-598-5448
Bonded & Insured Lic #20330460

ProHomeRenovating.com
612-205-5618

- carpentry & remodeling
- painting & repairs
- other home maintenance
- no job is too small

Gay owned and operated since 1986.

Twin City Heating and Air
Masters in Gas, Refrigeration, and Warm Air

FREE In-Home Estimates
Minneapolis 612-366-1934
St. Paul 612-366-9712
Surrounding Areas 763-757-4678

Servicing the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
twincityheatingandair.com

Good Stuff Moving
651-488-4808

Small Local Company
Very best service for
the very best price.

www.goodstuffmoving.com

A-Z ELECTRIC
We'll do (almost) anything A-Z!

All forms of Home Services provided!
No job too small • Residential or Commercial
24 Hour Service • Licensed Bonded Insured
Chris 612.275.2117

STAFFORD HOME SERVICE
ELECTRIC • HEATING • COOLING
AUDIO • VIDEO • SECURITY
LIFE. STYLE. INSTALLED.

952-927-7194
www.staffordhomeservice.com facebook.com/StaffordHomeService

Lic # 20635925
R. Davis CONSTRUCTION, INC.
"A Signature Product"

Roofing • Siding • Windows • Gutters • Decks • Painting
Let us show you how we can optimize your home improvement experience.
Ask about our summer specials and storm damage renovation programs.
RDavisConstruction.com
info@rdavisconstruction.com
612.259.8363

SwankeDesign+Build
MN Lic: 20638232

www.swankedesign.com tel: 612.810.2848

Designing, building and renewing structures
for living, working and being.

HOME SERVICES

MATT'S TREE SERVICE
CABLING, PRUNING, & REMOVALS
LICENSED AND INSURED

"We'll go OUT on a limb for you."
Serving the Metro Area
FREE Estimates for Removal & Trimming

Residential & Commercial Services
ISA Certified Arborist on Staff
Tree Removal • Tree Trimming • Chipping
Stump Grinding • Storm Damage
Lot Clearing • Hedge & Shrub Pruning
24 yrs. Experience • Credit Cards accepted

Office: 612-706-8210
Cell: 612-998-3157



INSURANCE

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

Yes! Some companies
DO offer a Domestic
Partner Discount!

DID YOU KNOW:
There's a Stand-Alone
Home Care Plan
approved in Minnesota?

For details and information call
**(612) 926-8684 or
toll free (888) 899-6659**

STATE FARM INSURANCE

Davina Baldwin | 763.535.4788
6262 Boone Ave. N.
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
www.davinabaldwin.com
davina@davinabaldwin.com
Auto | Home | Life | Health | Business

Davina M. Baldwin

INSURANCE

Steve Wolfson
612-822-1190
1516 West Lake St., Ste. 203 • Minneapolis
swolfson@farmersagent.com

FARMERS

Call me today to see how you can save when
you combine your home and auto policies.
(952) 233-0310

Stevie Lynn Sheid
9358 Ensign Ave.
Bloomington
steviesheid@allstate.com

Allstate
You're in good hands.

Discount and insurance offered only with select companies and subject to availability and qualifications. Discount amount may be lower. Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Allstate Indemnity Company, Northbrook, IL © 2009 Allstate Insurance Company.

OPTICAL

Spectacle Shoppe.Biz
Five locations to
serve you!

Dwtn St. Paul Skyway 651-628-4444
Burnsville Center 952-892-6666
West St. Paul 651-450-6666
New Brighton 651-636-3434
Rogers 763-515-6065

Toll Free 888-797-EYES
www.spectacleshoppe.biz

PSYCHOTHERAPY

Steve Burns, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist • 612-990-0649
Hours by appointment Tuesday - Friday

Northland Therapy Center
Convenient Midway Location
2324 University Ave. W., Suite 100
www.NorthlandTherapyCenter.com

612-203-2820 **Katie Harrold, MA, LMFT**
Changing Pathways Therapy, LLC
3137 Hennepin Ave. S. #102
changingpathways.net
Minneapolis

Life Transitions/
Gender/Relational Issues
Counseling for
Individuals, Youth,
Families & Couples

heal
change
grow

THE NETWORK

PSYCHOTHERAPY



Tom Glaser, MS
Psychologist | Coach | Celebrant
612-240-4289
www.tomglaserlp.com



Julie Childs
MSW, LICSW, LADC
Psychotherapist
A helping hand on the journey of healing
Individual and Couples Therapy
Collaborative, Non-Judgemental, Caring Approach
Experienced (25 years in the field)
Free Phone Consultation
Office: (651) 783-5656 • Fax: (651) 483-1525
2353 Rice Street, Suite 214 • Roseville, MN 55113
jchildstherapy@gmail.com

Health & Wellness Coaching
James L. Stolz, LICSW, Certified Wellness Coach

- Weight Management
- Smoking Cessation
- Bariatric Support

Also available...
• Chiropractic Care
• Massage

METROPOLITAN
LIFE • BEAUTY • WELLNESS
7300 France Ave, Edina, MN 55435 (952)288-2230

Kate Heffelfinger, M.A., P.A.
Licensed Psychologist
Mindful Intentional Living

Individual & Couples Therapy
No Cost Initial Session
Most Insurance Accepted.
Visa/Mastercard accepted.

Lake Pointe Centre
3100 W. Lake St., Ste #419
Minneapolis, MN 55416
612.922.9100
kate_heffelfinger@msn.com

REAL ESTATE

BUYERS:
Come Out, Come Out
Whoever You Are!

ANN LEVITON
Broker/Owner
*Your OUT of the Ordinary
Real Estate SpecialistSM*

**MAVRICK
REALTY**
realestatefairy.com

612.270.5722

SOLD

Haubrich Homes
REALTOR

SCOTT HAUBRICH
612-298-5400
WWW.BUYRENTSELLMN.COM



FABULICIOUS

BE FAB. VOTE FAB. WIN FAB.
LAVENDER'S FAB 50

New this year: Fabulicious Finalists. See them. Love them. Vote for them.
LavenderMagazine.com/fab50

Voting is open until October 24, 2011. Winners will be featured in Issue 429...
on stands November 3, 2011.

**VOTE
NOW**

Community Connection brings visibility to local GLBT-friendly non-profit organizations. To reserve your listing in Community Connection, call 612-436-4698 or email advertising@lavendermagazine.com.

ADDICTION & TREATMENT

Hazelden

Providing comprehensive treatment, recovery solutions. Helping people reclaim their lives from the disease of addiction.
PO Box 11
15251 Pleasant Valley Rd,
Center City, MN
(800) 257-7800
www.hazelden.org

AIDS/HIV & TREATMENT

Aliveness Project, The

Community Center for Individuals Living with HIV/AIDS - On-site Meals, Food Shelf and Supportive Services.
730 East 38th St. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 824-LIFE (5433) www.aliveness.org

HIM Program - Red Door Services

Hennepin County Public Health Clinic.
525 Portland Ave., 4th Fl.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 348-9100
www.HIMprogram.org
www.StopSyphMN.com
www.inSPOT.org/Minnesota
www.Capsprogram.org

Minnesota AIDS Project AIDSLine

The AIDSLine is the statewide referral service to connect with HIV information and resources.
1400 Park Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 373-AIDS (metro) or
(800) 248-AIDS (statewide)
mapaidsline@mnaidsproject.org
www.mnaidsproject.org

Park House

Day Health / Mental Health Treatment Program for Adults Living with HIV/AIDS.
710 E. 24th Street, Suite 303
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 871-1264
www.allina.com/ahs/anw.nsf/page/park_house_home

U of MN Research Studies

Looking for HIV+ and HIV-individuals to participate in research studies.
420 Delaware Street SE
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 625-7472

ART GALLERIES

Minneapolis Institute of Arts

Enjoy Masterpieces From All Over The World And Every Period Of Human History. Free Admission Daily!
2400 3rd Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 870-3000
www.artsmia.org

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Zeitgeist Arts

Café - Cinema - Theater
"Let us entertain you!"
Zeitgeist Arts Building
222 E. Superior St.
Duluth, MN
(218) 722-9100 Café
(218) 722-7300 Cinema
(218) 336-1414 Theater
www.zeitgeistarts.com

EDUCATION

Minnesota Internship Center Charter School

"Everyone Welcome Except Bullies."
HS diploma, free bus pass, work readiness, support services, diverse, Fabulous!
Sabathani Community Center
310 E. 38th St., Rm LL-9
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 722-5416
www.mnic.org

Minnesota Online High School

Small statewide, public online high school open to any Minnesota resident in grades 9 through 12.
1313 5th St. SE, Ste. 300
Minneapolis, MN
(800) 764-8166
www.mnohs.org

Alliance Francaise

Where all things French are happening in the Twin Cities!
113 N. 1st St.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 332-0436
www.afmsp.org

William Mitchell College of Law

Minnesota's largest law school. Mitchell is known for its focus on practical legal education. We call it practical wisdom.
875 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105
1-(888)-962-5529
www.wmitchell.edu

EVENTS

Minneapolis Bike Tour

Annual bike ride in September supporting Minneapolis Parks. Fully supported route, refreshments and music in finish area.
2117 W. River Rd.
Minneapolis, MN (612) 230-6400
www.minneapolisbiketour.com
mplsbiketour@minneapolisparcs.org

FITNESS

YWCA of Minneapolis

Healthy Me. Healthy Community. Serving men, women and families. Fitness locations in Downtown, Midtown, Uptown.
1130 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 332-0501
www.ywcamps.org

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Family Tree Clinic

LGBTQ Health Matters at Family Tree! Offering respectful, affordable sexual health service to meet your needs.
1619 Dayton Ave.
St. Paul, MN
(651) 645-0478
www.familytreeclinic.org

Park Nicollet

Park Nicollet Health Services offers the personalized care and support you deserve for your health, healing and learning.
3850 Park Nicollet Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
(952) 993-3123
www.parknicollet.com
www.facebook.com/parknicollet

Rainbow Health Initiative

Working to improve the health of LGBTQ Minnesotans through education, clinical practice, outreach, and advocacy.
3249 Hennepin Ave. S. #45
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 206-3180
www.rainbowhealth.org

LIBRARY

Quatrefoil Library

Your GLBT Library with stacks of DVDs, books, and magazines. Check out our online catalogue.
1619 Dayton Ave., No. 105
St. Paul, MN
(651) 641-0969
www.qlibrary.org

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

KFAI

1808 Riverside Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 341-3144
www.kfai.org

Radio K 770

Radio K is the award-winning student-run radio station of the University of Minnesota
330 21st Ave. S.
610 Rarig Center
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 625-3500
www.radiok.org

MUSEUM

Science Museum of Minnesota

The Science Museum is the Upper Midwest's must-see, must-do museum.
120 W. Kellogg Blvd
St. Paul, MN
(651) 221-2547
<http://www.smm.org>

Walker Art Center

Internationally recognized as a leading venue for the presentation of the art of our time.
1750 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 375-7600
www.walkerart.org

PERFORMING ARTS

Brazen Theatre

Plays, musicals, cabaret and other entertainment for adventurous audiences.
See individual ads for venue
(612) 991-8729
www.brazentheatre.org

Hennepin Theatre Trust

Orpheum, State and Pantages Theatres
Twin Cities' best live entertainment: Broadway shows, music concerts, comedy, dance and more!
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 673-0404
www.HennepinTheatreDistrict.org

History Theatre

Grand-scale musicals & fearless dramas, personal accounts & panoramic views: Garland, Civil War, 1968, a Diary, & Gangsters!
30 East 10th Street
St. Paul, MN
(651) 292-4323
www.HistoryTheatre.com

Illusion Theater

Nationally renowned for developing artists and new work while sparking conversation about challenging human issues.
528 Hennepin Ave., 8th Fl.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 339-4944
www.illusiontheater.org

James Sewell Ballet

Nationally renowned contemporary ballet company based in the Twin Cities and touring the world.
528 Hennepin Ave., Ste. 215
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 672-0480
www.jsballet.org

Jungle Theater

Professional theater producing contemporary and classic works in an intimate setting in the Lynlake neighborhood.
2951 Lyndale Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 822-7063
www.JungleTheater.com

Minneapolis Musical Theatre

"Giving Voice to the Human Experience" - New and Rarely-Seen Musicals.
8520 W. 29th St.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 605-3298
www.aboutmmt.org

Minnesota Orchestra

Led by Music Director Osmo Vänskä, the Minnesota Orchestra, one of America's leading symphony orchestras.
1111 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN
(612) 371-5656 (800) 292-4141
www.minnesotaorchestra.org

Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra

An instrumental voice for the GLBT community, the MPO presents innovative, high quality orchestral performances.
P.O. Box 6116
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 656-5676
www.mnphil.org

Mixed Blood Theatre

1501 S. 4th St.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 338-0937
www.mixedblood.com

Mu Performing Arts

Is the 2nd largest pan-Asian performing arts organization in the U.S., and is home to Theater Mu, an Asian American theater company, and Mu Daiko, a Japanese taiko drumming group.
355 Wabasha St. N., Suite 140,
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 789-1012
<http://www.muperformingarts.org>

Northrop - University of Minnesota

A legacy of presenting diverse world-class dance and music artists.
(612) 625-6600
northrop.umn.edu

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts

Hosting, presenting, and creating performing arts and educational programs that enrich diverse audiences.
345 Washington St.
St. Paul, MN
(651) 224-4222
www.ordway.org

Park Square Theatre

Creating entertainment that matters; transporting you to unique worlds through exceptional talent and masterful stories.
20 West Seventh Pl. Saint Paul, MN
(651) 291-7005
www.parksquaretheatre.org

Pillsbury House

Get closer than ever before to thrilling contemporary theatre and the Twin Cities best actors.
3501 Chicago Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 824-0708 ext. 117
www.pillsburyhousetheatre.org

Theater Latté Da

Exploring and expanding the art of musical theater under the artistic direction of Peter Rohstein.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 339-3003
www.latteda.org

The Lab Theater

6000-square foot warehouse in the heart of downtown presenting immersive theatrical events.
700 N. 1st St.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 333-7977
www.thelabtheater.org

The Minnesota Opera

America's most exciting opera company - tickets start at just \$20.
620 N. 1st St.
Minneapolis, MN (612) 342-9550
www.mnopera.org

Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus

An award-winning chorus that builds community through music and offers entertainment worth coming out for!
528 Hennepin Ave., Suite 307
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 339-SONG (7664)
chorus@tcgmc.org
www.tcgmc.org

University of Minnesota Theatre Arts and Dance

Educating artists and audiences through a diverse mix of performances on both land and water.
U of M Theatre
330 21st Ave S, Minneapolis, MN
(612) 624-2345
www.theatre.umn.edu

PETS/PET SERVICES

Animal Humane Society

Adoption, rescue, outreach, training, boarding. Buffalo, Coon Rapids, Golden Valley, St. Paul and Woodbury.
(763) 432-4527
www.animalhumane.org

Greyhound Pets of America-Minnesota

Dedicated to finding homes for retired racing greyhounds. Greyhounds are calm, good-natured, and make excellent pets.
info@gpa-mn.org
www.gpa-mn.org

POLITICS & RIGHTS

Human Rights Campaign

Advocates for all GLBT Americans, mobilizes grassroots action, invests strategically to elect fair-minded individuals.
P.O. Box 50608 Minneapolis, MN
www.twincities.hrc.org www.hrc.org

Marry Me Minnesota

Founded by same-sex couples suing the State for marriage equality. We welcome your support.
P. O. Box 22256
Robbinsdale, MN
(763) 219-1206
www.marrymeminnesota.org

Minnesota Log Cabin Republicans

Inclusion Wins.
115 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
www.mnlogcabin.org

OutFront Minnesota

Delivering programs/services in the area of public policy, anti-violence, education and training, and law.
310 E. 38th St., Ste. 204
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 822-0127
www.outfront.org

PRIDE

Twin Cities Pride

The third-largest national Pride celebration seeks sponsors, volunteers, and board members. Contact us today.
2021 East Hennepin Ave, Ste. 460
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 305-6900
www.tcpride.org

RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL

All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church

The radically inclusive GLBTQ community of faith.
3100 Park Ave.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 824-2673
www.agcmcc.org

Central Lutheran Church

We welcome all people to discover, celebrate and share the love of Christ.
333 Twelfth St. S.
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 870-4416
www.centralmpls.org

Central Presbyterian Church

Size isn't everything. Connections and intimacy of a small church in a majestic space.
500 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55101
(651) 224-4728
www.cpcstpaul.org

Edina Community Lutheran Church

Upbeat, growing congregation committed to inclusion, justice, peace, community and proclaiming God's YES to all.
4113 W. 54th St.
Edina, MN
(952) 926-3808
www.edlc.org

First Unitarian Society

Proclaiming together: We are all worthy. Sunday services at 10:30.
900 Mount Curve Ave.
Minneapolis MN
(612) 377-6608
www.firstunitarian.org

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

Take a Spiritual Journey With Hennepin's Faith Community Through Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service, and More.
511 Groveland Ave. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 871-5303
www.hennepinchurch.org

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

A covenant network congregation welcoming all people.
797 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN
(651) 227-6311
www.hohchurch.org

Mayflower Community Congregational United Church of Christ

An open and affirming, peace with justice church welcomes you.
106 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
(I-35 & Diamond Lake Rd.)
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 824-0761
www.mayflowermpls.org

New Harmony Church

A new spiritual community at historic Wesley. Offering hope and encouragement to all people. An embracing congregation. Greg Renstrom, Minister.
101 E. Grant St.
Minneapolis, MN
Office: (612) 871-3585
Pastor: (612) 886-2863

Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis

A Beacon of Liberal Theology. Progressive Christianity, Traditional Setting & Service, Social Action, The Arts & Music.
1900 Nicollet Ave. at Franklin
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 871-7400
www.plymouth.org

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

Wherever you are on your faith journey...
St. Mark's Welcomes You.
519 Oak Grove St. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 870-7800
www.ourcathedral.org

St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church with Wingspan Ministry

+ PASTORAL CARE + EDUCATION + WITNESS + ADVOCACY + Outreach of St. Paul-Reformation Church to the GLBTQA Community.
100 N. Oxford St.
St. Paul, MN
(651) 224-3371
www.stpaulref.org

Union Congregational United Church of Christ

Socially and theologically progressive. Open and affirming. A 'Just Peace' church, founded in 1883.
3700 Alabama Ave. S.
St. Louis Park, MN
952-929-8566
www.unionslp.com

United Methodist Reconciling Churches

Congregations around Minnesota that intentionally welcome all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
www.mnrcumc.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Covenant Network Congregation, Working Toward a Church as Generous and Just as God's Grace.
Nicollet Mall at 12th St. Minneapolis, MN
(612) 332-3421
www.ewestminster.org

RETIREMENT

The Kenwood Retirement Community

Our full service retirement community provides Independent, Assisted Living and Short Term apartment rentals.
825 Summit Avenue, Minneapolis, MN
(612) 374-8100
www.thekenwood.net

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Community Shares of Minnesota

Community Shares of Minnesota raises funds and awareness for local organizations fighting for justice and equality.
1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 323
St. Paul, MN
(651) 647-0440
changeisbetter.org

SPORTS & RECREATION

Twin Cities Goodtime Softball League (TCGSL)

Join 300 GLBT softball players as we celebrate 32 years of gay softball in Minnesota.
PO Box 580264
Minneapolis, MN
www.tcgsl.org

SOCIAL SERVICES

Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota

Wholly committed to making life better for our most vulnerable citizens since 1865.
2485 Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN
(651) 642-5990
www.lssmn.org/

STUDENT/CAMPUS/ALUMNI

University of Minnesota GLBT Programs Office

Dedicated to improving campus climate by developing and supporting more inclusive understandings of gender and sexuality.
46 Appleby Hall
128 Pleasant St. SE
Minneapolis, MN
(612) 625-0537
www.glbt.umn.edu

TRAVEL

Afton Area Business Association

Visit the historic St. Croix river town of Afton, MN.
Unique shopping, orchards, dining, wine bar, activities, B&B.
www.aftonmnarea.com

Discover Stillwater

The perfect day trip...or weekend getaway!
Historic Rivertown. Birthplace of Minnesota.
Minutes from Twin Cities. Shop/Dine/Cruise/Nightlife. Stay overnight!
Stillwater/Oak Park Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau
511 Hemlock St. So.
Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 351-1717
www.DiscoverStillwater.com

Door County Visitor Bureau

Your stories. Our setting. Like nowhere else. Door County, Wisconsin
P.O. Box 406
Sturgeon Bay, WI
(800) 52-RELAX (7-3529)
www.doorcounty.com

Visit Duluth

Lake Superior. Historic Waterfront. Vibrant arts and dining. Adventure. Hotels and B & B's. Attractions and Events.
21 W. Superior Street. Suite 100
218-722-4011-1-800-4-duluth
www.visitduluth.com

Visit Milwaukee

This is Milwaukee.
648 N. Plankinton Ave., Suite 425
Milwaukee, WI
(800) 554-1448
www.visitmilwaukee.org

Visit Stockholm Wisconsin

Small Village...Big Arts
Small town charm, old world roots, world class culture. One of Midwest Livings 'Top 10 Small Town Getaway's' Come spend the weekend with us!
www.stockholmwisconsin.com

ZOOS

Minnesota Zoo

Open year-round. More than 2,400 animals to explore. Numerous special events.
13000 Zoo Blvd.
Apple Valley MN
(952) 431-9200
www.mnzoo.org



Adele

A COUPLE Saturdays ago, I spent the afternoon at a BMW dealership in Minnetonka. No, I wasn't there to buy a new car—I wish. Instead, I was volunteering for a charity, something that I hadn't done in a long time. The charity, Gilda's Club, is dedicated to the memory of Gilda Radner, the Saturday Night live comedienne who died of ovarian cancer. Their goal is to buy a building to use as a meeting place for people with cancer and their families. The BMW dealer kindly donated the proceeds of car washes to Gilda's Club; they've also supported the charity in other ways.

I have to admit, I was bored to death. I sat around with my friend Jean making small talk as we waited for rich people to drive in with their fancy cars; Jean would then give them a short pitch about the charity, and once the cars were washed, she and I would help wipe them down. There weren't many cars that day—less than a dozen.

I felt like a geriatric cheerleader at some upscale high school car wash. At least I didn't have to hold a sign on some street corner wearing a bikini.

What a horrible image that'd be.

Frankly, I had much better things to do with my time. It was a beautiful August Saturday afternoon. Winter would be here soon—like maybe in a month— and I would

rather have been riding my bike or walking on the Stone Arch Bridge or doing *anything* but sitting at that dealership. After all, my time is *valuable*, you know?

Two hours into my stint, a cherub-faced woman named Adele showed up to help us. She couldn't have been older than 40, and she was wearing a long sleeved shirt and hat, along with one of the best smiles I'd seen in months. She was on the Board of Directors for Gilda's Club, and she had a portfolio of brochures. She was cheerful and energetic—way more than me—and quickly stepped in to make a pitch to three women driving a \$70K SUV who had come in for a car wash to support the charity. One of those women had recently lost a family member to cancer.

This Adele woman kept her hat on the entire time, and I thought it odd. Then it dawned on me.

Oh. God, Ellen, you can be *so* stupid sometimes. Eventually, I asked, "Where are you at in your treatment?" Without breaking her smile, Adele answered, "I'm Stage 4, in an experimental program." I know enough about cancer to have a pretty good idea what that means. She had been dealing with cancer for more than ten years, and had been doing it alone, without a partner or children—the worst kind of nightmare for many people, including me.

She never lost her smile as we talked. The woman had more positive energy than ten healthy people. I hope it keeps her alive.

I don't get to talk to people who are facing death very often. We'll all get our own chance, of course, and we'll each have a choice about how to deal with it. I'd like to think I'll be able to do it Adele's way, but my odds aren't good. I come from a long line of whiners and complainers. Hell, I bitch for a couple days if I break a nail. And don't even get me started on my wrinkles.

If I knew that my time was limited, I'm sure I wouldn't spend it pushing \$10 car washes for some charity, even if it was to help others with cancer. I've got to think I'd be way more selfish and hedonistic—like trying to bed every woman I meet or eating cases of B & J's American Cone ice cream.

But here was this woman doing something completely selfless, and seemingly entirely happy about it. I hadn't expected to get a life lesson on dignity and grace at a car wash.

I don't know how I'll deal with death when it shows up on my front doorstep. Maybe I won't have a choice.

But if I do, I'll remember Adele's incredible smile. Hopefully, it will help me to manage the same kind of smile myself. □

CLASSIFIEDS

BEAUTY & RELAXATION

get lazed. Laser Hair Removal in Uptown. Upfront pricing. Book online. Evening & weekends available. Non-metered parking. www.GetLazedMN.com. (612) 627-9999. hairyl@getlazedmn.com. 2920 Bryant Ave South.

EMPLOYMENT

Luxury condo in Minnetonka seeks live-in caretaker(s) for cleaning, yard work, light maintenance. Must have impeccable standards, strong work ethic, references, and pass background check. Small apartment, utilities, heated garage space plus salary DOQ. Contact: LisaAnd555@gmail.com.

GIFT SHOPS

GRAMA's BARN - Arts, Crafts, Gifts, Antiques, and More. Hours: Tu - Sun 10am - 6pm. 16440 Lake Blvd, Center City, MN. Take 35W North to US-8 (Taylors Falls exit 132). (651) 257-5161. www.gramasbarn.com.

HELP WANTED

FREE ARTS MINNESOTA: Looking for volunteers to work with abused, neglected, at-risk children using art and mentorship. Time commitment of 1.5 hours weekly. More information, Hannah, (612) 824-2787. www.freeartsminnesota.org.

HOME FURNISHING

COTTAGE HOUSE • An Occasional Market • Next sale: **CLASSIC HOME!** NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Wed. 1-7 pm. Thr-Fri 10am-7pm. Sat-Sun 10am-6pm. • 4304 Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. www.thecottagehouseempls.com.

HOME SERVICES

KMR Design Group, LLC specializes in residential landscape design and construction. We strive to maximize your investment while creating a work of art. Patios, retaining walls, water features... call us for a consultation! Tel: (612) 296-2224, www.kmrdesigngroupmn.com.

ARTISTIC LANDSCAPES, Design and Construction. Passionate about Landscaping! Designing & installing beautiful landscapes since 1998. Christopher A. Baker, (612) 366-5444. ArtisticLandscapes.bix.

PSYCHOTHERAPY

DIANA SNYDER, LICSW Psychodynamic and Eclectic/Creative approach. 22+ years. Individual and Family. Specializing in: anxiety, depression, relationships, self esteem. LGBT. Alternative lifestyles. Cultural diversity. English/Spanish. Uptown. (612) 272-6488. Snyder.tk.

THE GUIDANCE GROUP, your partners in mental health, wellness & personal growth. Providing individual, couples and family therapy to adults, kids & teens. South Metro. Learn more: www.mnguidance.com, contact: info@mnguidance.com.

THOMAS CARRILLO, Ph D, P.A. Licensed Psychologist, individual and couples therapy, flexible hours, most insurance and credit cards accepted. (612) 288-5000 (Mpls office) and (651) 645-0980 (St Paul office).

DENNIS CHRISTIAN, LICSW. (612) 940-7033. www.dennischristian.com.

Specialists in Women's Issues for almost 20 years. Self esteem, uncoupling, communication issues, depression, grief/loss, family/ job stress, codependency, coming out, and more. Insurance/ sliding fee scale. **SUZANNE KRAMER:** (612) 275-2653, www.thegatecounseling.com.

REAL ESTATE

2+ bedroom lower duplex unit near MIA, MCAD. 1600 square foot with hardwood floors, shared patio, onsite laundry, & offstreet parking. Owner occupied upper. \$1350/month, plus gas & electric. Pets OK. Non-smokers preferred. Contact Roger at (612) 232-7994.

Large studio in beautiful home near Southdale. Private modern kitchen, dishwasher, private bath, tile. \$545 includes all utilities, AC, cable, Internet, garage w/remote. Share laundry and patio with homeowner. Available Oct. 31st. No Pets/Smoking. (612) 866-3133.

Renovated Powderhorn Classic. Large 2 BR in 4-plex. Refinished wood floors, original woodwork, new lrg windows, ceramic tile, C/A, cable, laundry, parking. Close to freeway, bus, downtown. Smoke free building. \$950 + security, application. (612) 618-8976.

THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

FULL BODY MASSAGE. Warm relaxing atmosphere, Minneapolis. Hour Massage \$60.00. Shower Available. (612) 219-6743. 7 days a week, 10 am - 10 pm. Therapist: 5'10, 167#, 32 waist.

STRONG & RELAXING hands, resulting in bodywork at its best! Bruck, MT, DC in South Minneapolis @ (612) 306-6323.

REAL & GOOD - m4m massage by experienced responsive masseur. Many repeat clients. Studio, shower and lots of TLC. Near DT Mpls, noon-10 pm, 7 days. Gene: (612) 749-7726. Thanks!

BORING...BORING...BORING !!! Sick of boring, mediocre sessions? This time... get unbelievably pampered and have lots of fun with a hot, talented masseur! **These sessions are very unique, extremely erotic, totally uninhibited, and smokin' hot!!!** Call for details (no pressure to hire) - you're gonna love this! Kevin, (612) 229-0001.

A MAN'S TOUCH MASSAGE - Complete & discreet full body massage. Masculine responsive masseur with great personality. Seven days a week 10a-10p. Call Jeffrey at (612) 581-8171.

You can now see the **classifieds** online



DIGITAL EDITION. LAVENDERMAGAZINE.COM

HOOK UP FAST

NEW Call. Cruise. Connect.



952.938.8700
763.226.2929
612.465.7255

St. Paul

651.305.2737

Try it FREE!

USE FREE CODE 5374

For other local numbers call:

1-888-MegaMates™
MegaMatesMen.com 1-888-634-2628

24/7 Friendly Customer Care 1(888) 634.2628 18+ ©2011 PC LLC
*Most Features Free. Some Fees Apply.



ALL ACCESS FREE TRIAL!
612.605.9900

st. paul 651.204.2211
brooklyn park 763.432.8080

bloomington 952.818.8080
other cities 1.877.510.3344

1.900.255.5757 \$25/100min
hardlinechat.com



MANline®
Now powered by **HARDLINE**

18+ No liability. Restrictions apply.



The People **in the** Shadows

AS WONDERFUL as our minds are, they're equally as cruel. They allow us to fall in love with people who don't feel the same. They let us cry when there's nothing we can do. They lie to us...

I'm wearing a tuxedo he rented for me, holding an invitation to the fancy party we're on our way to. We're in his Hummer. He holds my hand on my lap. He squeezes occasionally and smiles over at me. He knows I'm excited. I love playing dress-up.

I'm excited because this means he wants to show me off to his friends. He wants ME by his side. Not a business partner. Not a friend. ME. His "little boyfriend," he calls me.

He takes a phone call or two on the way to the party. Business calls. I enjoy hearing him talk about important things I don't understand. I suppose an enamored housewife would feel this way. I wouldn't mind being a housewife to him. Or anything. He is my American Idol. My everything. Gosh, I sound pathetic. But I'm only 19 years old at the time. He is my first love.

The party is everything I hoped it would be. I awkwardly try to fit in with the wealthy. I try caviar for the first time. I nervously drink champagne (did they really not card me?).

He introduces me to his gay friends as his "boy." Which is OK. At least he is proud to have me on his arm.

The night ends in his bed. I fall asleep

feeling safe. Cared for. Proud of. I lie to myself. I convince myself that this is us.

Tonight isn't who we are, though. Tonight is another Band-Aid. Another false hope. Another excuse for me to stay. To keep thinking things will change.

I live with fear.

In the middle of the night he wants his special brand of sex—violent, forced. The kind he says he likes because it leaves bruises. He tells me it's OK because I belong to him. It's just him marking his territory.

I beg him to stop, but I give in at the same time. My pulling away makes it worse. It fuels his rage. He wants to see me cry.

He threatens that if I try to run away, I'll end up in the hospital. He'll make it so that no one's ever attracted to me again. It doesn't happen every night. Sometimes a month will go by between episodes. His uneven, unpredictable nature keeps me close. I'm stupid enough to believe that THIS IS THE LAST TIME—every time. He'll buy me flowers and call me beautiful. He'll take me on the most romantic dates imaginable. And, just as I settle into my fantasy, that side of him reappears. I'll awake with a hand around my throat. He'll take advantage of me again. Over and over again.

He brings me to, and pays for, a psychiatrist because he thinks I'm being "mokey." The doctor puts me on Lexapro, an antidepressant. He tells me my boyfriend is

abusive, that I should end it. I don't listen. I can't. I KNOW things will change. I've seen the best in him. I know how good he can be. I know he wants to change. He even admits his wrongdoing; he apologizes. Things will get better. I know they will...

...but they don't.

There are people who live in the shadows—under shades of shame, fear and denial. The people in the shadows believe, however irrationally, that things will get better. It doesn't matter that all the evidence points to the contrary. It doesn't matter that you'll lose friends over keeping hope alive. The people in the shadows are smitten with the dangerous notion that their abusers are more important than their well-being.

I broke away by graduating college, but not everyone is so lucky. They need courage. They need support. They need to know they deserve better.

Abuse sees no sexual orientation, color, or gender. It doesn't discriminate on the basis of class, nationality, or education.

No matter who you are, do not let abuse shame you into silence. Do not allow yourself to live in the shadows. Same-sex domestic violence is real.

Sometimes you just need someone to listen. Visit OutFront.org for resources. ■

Keep in touch! [Facebook.com/JustinJonesWriter](https://www.facebook.com/JustinJonesWriter)

ORDWAY

ON STAGE

Sinatra and Tharp.
Dance musical
heaven.

musical by
FRANK SINATRA
choreography & lyrics by
TWYLA THARP
Come Fly Away
A NEW MUSICAL

OCT 11-16



TICKETS
START AT
\$35
INCLUDES
FEES

SING-A-LONG SOUND OF MUSIC



ALL
TICKETS
\$26
INCLUDES
FEES

**“You must go,
it is enormous,
liberating fun.”**

The Times

The classic Julie Andrews film musical in glorious, full-screen Technicolor®, complete with subtitles so that *the whole audience can sing along!* Everyone is encouraged to dress up in your “fancy best,” follow along with the subtitles and sing “Do-Re-Mi” to the top of the hills.

THREE EVENTS ONLY!

FRI, OCT 21 AT 7:30P

and SAT, OCT 22 AT 2P & 7:30P



ordway.org | 651.224.4222

GROUPS of 10+: 651.282.3111 | ordway.org/groups

The Ordway is a nonprofit charitable organization.

ORDWAY
Joy. Centerstage.

LAVENDER READERS SAVE \$5 ON TICKETS TO LA CAGE!
USE PASSWORD '5LAVENDER' FOR THIS EXCLUSIVE OFFER.*

WINNER!

BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL • 2010 TONY AWARD

GEORGE HAMILTON CHRISTOPHER SIEBER



LA CAGE AUX FOLLES
MUSIC & LYRICS BY **JERRY HERMAN** BOOK BY **HARVEY FIERSTEIN**
BASED ON THE PLAY 'LA CAGE AUX FOLLES' BY JEAN POIRET



PHOTOS BY ULI WEBER & JOAN MARCUS

OCTOBER 18-23 • STATE THEATRE, MINNEAPOLIS

IN PERSON: STATE THEATRE BOX OFFICE (NO SERVICE FEES)

ONLINE: HENNEPINTHEATRETRUST.ORG

BY PHONE: 800.982.2787

GROUPS 10+ SAVE! 612.373.5665



PRESENTED BY
HENNEPIN THEATRE TRUST
ORPHEUM • STATE • PANTAGES • NEW CENTURY

BROADWAY  ACROSS AMERICA
MINNEAPOLIS

*Some exclusions may apply. Not valid on previously purchased tickets.